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**MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,**

**Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.**

**Right Worthy Grand Secretary.**

The subject of this sketch has been too long and too prominently identified as a worker in this Order to need an introduction to its members, but all are interested in a fuller knowledge of a life that has given so much of itself in furthering the interests of an organization.

Lorraine J. Dickinson was born in Waddington, N. Y., but when she was about five years of age her parents moved to Illinois, settling near Elgin.

At the age of eleven she was sent to Rutland, Vt., to attend a young ladies' seminary at that place, where she remained until 1861, when she returned to Illinois, and life for her began in earnest.

A widowed mother needed her assistance, and she took a position as a clerk in a store, her earnings going toward the maintenance of the family.

And now came the call for volunteers, and among those who responded was Capt. E. P. Pitkin, who enlisted at Annapolis, Md., in the quartermaster's department. At the battle of Stone River he had charge of an ammunition train, and was captured, but by playing a trick on his captors, managed to escape. He was soon after promoted to Assistant Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain. He entered the service when the first guns were fired on Sumpter, and was appointed Colonel and chief Quartermaster of the defense of New Orleans. Before his death as a reward for faithful service, his commission as Colonel was issued—too late however, to secure to his family a Colonel's pension.

He spent about a year in Brazos, Texas, as master of marine transportation. While stationed in Chicago, he met and married Lorraine J. Dickinson, the marriage occurring

October 22, 1863. For a few days only were they permitted to enjoy each other's society, then an order called him to New Orleans. After an absence of seven months, he returned on a month's furlough, going back to his post of duty on June 6, 1864. They little realized that the "good-by" then spoken was a final one, but such it was, for on October 6, just four months later, Captain Pitkin was called to journey to the home beyond. An escort

her. The responsibilities of motherhood were added, and while the mother-heart yielded its best love to the little one, she must also assume the duty of providing the necessities of life for herself and her little one. But she bravely took up the duty, and with persistent effort mastered every obstacle, and now has the pleasure of enjoying a home with her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Decker, and is the proud grandmother of two lovely grand-daughters.

Sister Pitkin's Eastern Star work began in 1866, when she joined Miriam Family, which two years later was re-organized in chapter form, adopting the Michigan ritual, and of this she was elected Worthy President, serving in that position about a year.

She was one of the charter members of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, and was its first Worthy Matron. In June last she was unanimously elected a life member.

At the Grand Chapter meeting of Illinois in 1877, she was appointed Grand Marshal, and the following year was elected Grand Matron.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in 1878, Sister Pitkin was elected R. W. Associate Grand Matron, and at the subsequent meeting in 1880 was called to the first position within its gift—that of M. W. Grand Matron, which she filled for the three successive years, when she was elected R. W. Grand Secretary, which position however, she declined in favor of the retiring incumbent.

Six years passed, and at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in 1889 she was again elected R. W. Grand Secretary, which position she filled so efficiently as to receive a re-election in 1892—a merited reward.

For three years she had charge of an O. E. S. Department in the "American Home," and in connection with Sister Jennie E. Mathews, P. M. W. Grand Matron, she compiled and published a collection of music for chapter use—Gems of Song.



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brought the remains to the bereaved young wife, and they were taken to the family burying spot in Cleveland, Ohio.

Before a twelve month rolled by Sister Pitkin was a wife and a widow, and the following March, the day that Abraham Lincoln was for the second time inaugurated President of the United States, a little daughter was born to

A more recent publication is the Floral Work, which is so generally used throughout the Order, and the membership badge, of which she holds the copyright, is the handsomest in use, and is distinctively an Eastern Star badge.

Sister Pitkin is not without her successes in political life, for in 1888 she was elected postmaster of the House in the Illinois Legislature, and so faithfully did she serve that body, that the following year she was elected to a similar position in the Senate. The members of the Thirty-sixth General Assembly presented her a beautiful watch, and in further recognition of their appreciation of her ability and efficiency, gave her a most flattering recommend, to which the name of every member of that assembly is signed.

Her latest success is the department congress of the Order of the Eastern Star, held in connection with the Woman's Congress just closed, and the O. E. S. headquarters at the woman's building. No provision was made for headquarters by the General Grand Chapter, so she has been obliged to carry it forward by appealing to the subordinate chapter for aid.

Sister Pitkin is a member of the Godfrey Weitzel Corps, W. R. C., and has been several times honored by her Corps as delegate to Department and National Conventions.

Sister Pitkin's life has been one of varied light and shadow, and in her earlier experiences she gained that practical business knowledge which has been a help to her in her various pursuits. She has an active, independent nature, and has that breadth of character which has enabled her to accord to others the justice and consideration which she felt was due her at their hands.

We trust that for her the storm-clouds have all dispersed, and that the journey toward life's sunset may be gilded by love and prosperity.

For The Eastern Star.

#### SANCTITY OF FRIENDS.

"Silence thou lonely power the door be thine,  
See, on the hallowed hour that none intrude  
Save a few chosen friends who sometimes deign,  
To bless my humble roof with sense refined,  
Learning digested well, exalted faith,  
Unstudied wit, and humor ever gay."

THOMSON'S SEASONS.

This renowned poet viewed silence as something that partakes strongly of heavenly sacredness. Probably the bustle of the great city caused him to regard his home as a quiet retreat where everything should be excluded except the entrance of the few chosen friends who have the privilege, unbidden, to cross the threshold whenever their inclination so directs.

This extract reminds me most forcibly of the high estimation that we should place on pure friendship. We cannot appreciate or comprehend it without an insight into its requirements and principles.

No one can be a friend in the strict sense of the word, without a knowledge of what constitutes it. We may be actuated by the best

motives, we may have a keen perception of the strong ties necessary for friendship, we may feel the need of sincere and earnest fraternity, but unless the cords of bond and of unity are of the proper composition, there will be an entire absence of the underlying quality that makes true friendship. It therefore follows that discrimination is an important essential, for we must discriminate whom we can implicitly trust, and admit into the circle. Those to whom we can throw off all the outward forms of society, they are what may be termed the disguises of ceremony and of etiquette. In these formal disguises we are persons of matter of fact, of standard observances, but in this line of conduct formality takes precedence over felicity and friendship, and we are deprived of the privilege and confidence that go so much further than the stern customs of society or community.

In this confiding spirit we throw around us a feeling of security that points directly to what is sincere friendship, or in other words, what we appreciate from this unrestrained privilege of entering unbidden the select circle. How secure and how agreeable these relations are! Of course the mere ingress has no particular satisfaction, but the air of confidence and of trust seems to be the recompense.

It is a pleasing thought to consider the fact of friendship and what makes it. If then we can contemplate its great advantage, we can better carry it out in detail than if we are followers only, and without a definite understanding. But we do see that a strict repose and confidence are indispensable, as well as freedom and restraint, but with all these qualities we observe that real friendship is something that is based on the principles of morality, and the very lessons that form the grand basis and design of our society.

A. J. BURTON.

#### BRIGHT ELDERLY WOMEN.

[Mary E. Ireland in the Round Table.]

The elderly people of our day do not consider increasing years to be a reason for being set back like pieces of old furniture; they keep abreast of the times, take an interest in the pursuits of the younger generation, travel more, read more, visit more, and do not consider their mission on earth ended when the family of children they have raised are out in the world shifting for themselves.

The elderly women of our day are realizing that it is not too late for them to learn new industries and accomplishments, and that they are more cheerful and happy, and more useful to others, when they so increase their interests in any branch of knowledge.

One lady of my acquaintance, past sixty, and with grown grandchildren, has within four years become a fine artist. She had a taste for painting, but was not aware that she had so much talent, until she commenced taking lessons. Now her painting upon china is exquisite, and she finds great pleasure in

extending her knowledge of other branches of the art. Another friend, also over sixty, is taking lessons in silk embroidery, and her work is beautiful and a continual pleasure to her; while another, after having raised a family of children, learned the kindergarten methods and opened a school for the children of poor mothers who had to leave their little ones while they went out to work.

But the most remarkable of all the elderly ladies with whom I am acquainted is one in Baltimore, now in her eighty-first year. Her husband was an eminent lawyer, and they owned a fine property a few miles out of the city, where, surrounded with every comfort, they lived a happy and contented life, entertaining charmingly the friends who were privileged to visit them.

After many years they lost their property, the husband died, and the lady, advanced in years, came back to the city, where she yet resides. I do not know that she has a dollar in the world, except what she earns by her fancy work; but she is one of the most cheery, contented, happy Christians I ever knew. She rents one room from a humble chair-maker and his wife, who are so kind to her as though she were their mother, and this is her home. She has a large circle of acquaintances, and among them she frequently spends a day, for she is lady-like and agreeable in manner, has a fund of general information, and is one of the comfortable ones of earth whom it is a pleasure to have around.

There is scarcely any kind of fancy work she does not do, and a few years ago, when wax fruit and flowers were so much in vogue, hers were considered perfect. Delicate flowers which required much time and patience were her forte; and an exquisite bunch of purple lilacs was something long to be remembered.

Two winters ago, she slipped on a banana peel on the way to church, fell, and broke her right arm. It was set and bandaged, and as she had a painting on hand which she wished finish, she accustomed herself to paint with her left hand, and finished it in time to present to a dear friend upon some anniversary. She seldom visits without some little gift accompanying her; it may be but a bit of white wax moulded into some pretty shape and tied with ribbon, or an emery in shape of a scarlet strawberry, or a pin-cushion of some new and original design, no matter if not costing a penny; she made it and presented it, and that is a pleasure to the receiver.

She is not satisfied with the knowledge she possesses, but is constantly learning in every way and upon every subject she can. Only a few weeks ago she took up a new style of painting, intending to practice until proficient. Possessing the secret of growing old gracefully, she has kept young in appearance and in feeling; not evinced by vivacity unbecoming her years, for she is dignified and retiring, but by the loving interest she takes in the beautiful world which God has made, always looking forward with joy to her heavenly home, where she will join the dear companions of her youth.



For The Eastern Star.

**M**y Father why so drear and wild,  
Still raves the tempest round me? Child,  
Thy Father's hand rests even now,  
With infinite love upon thy brow.

Oh why so long about my feet,  
The angry waters surge and beat;  
And why so long this lowering cloud,  
My inmost soul appall enshroud.

E'en though, I lift my heart to Thee,  
'Tis darkness still, I cannot see;  
And sometimes while I try to pray,  
There seems to come but bleak dismay.

Take courage child, lo! He is near,  
With richest blessings, never fear,  
He sees with pitying eye thy grief,  
And gladly comes to thy relief.

His gentle hand so firm and strong,  
Shall lead thee all the way along;  
Above the clouds of grief and care,  
Into the sunshine, sweet and fair.

Into a life all fraught with love,  
And hope, and faith from realms above,  
A life where blossoms rare and sweet,  
Shall gather round thy weary feet.

—L. M. ROWAN.

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## A PEN PANORAMA FROM DENVER TO PORTLAND, OREGON.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.]

Arriving at Salt Lake; the principal part of the city lies east of the depot. The first impression is not very favorable, and its peculiarities at once begin to impress us. The extraordinary size of the blocks, the great width of streets and the style of naming them, seems very odd and confusing. But with little careful study and explanation, the mystery is soon unraveled. On every hand as you begin to look about, you see the marks of originality, if not genius, in design. The city is laid out in blocks of ten acres—660 feet on either side—the streets are 125 to 150 feet wide, Temple Square being the central point. Upon that square stands the council building, the Tabernacle and the crowning glory of the city—the Temple. When Brigham Young led his followers into this valley, on this spot he struck the ground with his cane and declared "Here will we build the Temple to our Lord."

The streets around this square are North Temple, East Temple, South Temple and West Temple, and they are projected as follows: North Temple east, and North Temple west. The next street will be First North, First North-east, and First North-west. The same system applied to the other sides will be apparent. The city has sufficient rise from the west to east, to give satisfactory drainage to its sewer system, although the sewage is not allowed to go into the River Jordan or to Salt Lake, being conducted outside the city and used for irrigation.

The Tabernacle is known by reputation the world over, being unlike any other structure of its kind in point of architecture. Elliptical in shape, over 200 feet in depth, its roof the segment of an ellipse without central support, thus making its acoustic properties without

an equal in America, if not in the world. Capable of seating 8,000 people, any one of whom can hear a whisper from the pulpit. The organ is one of the finest in the land, designed and constructed in the city by a Mormon artisan.

But the Temple is the crowning glory and pride of the city, more especially to the Mormon followers throughout the world, who have been for forty years looking to its completion, and April 6, 1893, witnessed its dedication with great pomp and ceremonies of rejoicing by the faithful. Its interior is described as grand and marvelous. I quote from one who has seen it: "There is a baptism room with font resting on twelve brazen oxen, several audience rooms of different sizes, the main auditorium being in the upper story where there are two priesthood pulpits, that on the west being for the Ameni priesthood, and on the east for the Melchisedeck priesthood, the pulpits being on tiers and very finest of plush and velvet. There is a very fine organ in the room, and here was held the chief ceremonies of dedication.

The rooms on the first floor in the northeast portion of the building are for work relating to the veil, and are the most gorgeous of all, every adornment, finish and bit of furniture being of the richest and most elaborate description. The walls of various parts of the building are finely painted, representing Scripture scenes, and scenes in Mormon faith. One room has walls painted in representation of the Garden of Eden. This was the only chance for a Gentile to see the interior of this magnificent edifice."

No Gentile will in the future be permitted to inspect it. I do not blame them, for when the highest pinnacle of the Temple was surmounted by the statue representing the angel "Moroni," the Gentiles attempted to desecrate it by tobacco spittle and otherwise, what would they not do if allowed access to their—to them—sacred sanctuaries.

At the north of the city are warm sulphur springs of great capacity, from which the water is conducted to a large bathing pool, and hundreds daily avail themselves of its beneficent effects. A large sanitarium completed with all modern improvements, has been recently erected near the springs.

There are many fine residences on the high ground east of the Temple, and about two blocks from it is a large lot enclosed with a substantial iron fence, a small lot inside of the larger enclosed by another iron fence, contains the grave of Brigham Young.

The old adobe tithing house and storehouses still remain as monuments of their past greatness, the block surmounted by a high wall constructed of cement mortar and cobblestones with circular buttresses at short intervals; it was the Mormon custom house and treasury department, where millions of dollars have been represented in the tenth of all the farmer, mechanic, and merchant produced, for the use and benefit of the church and State.

The museum of native and foreign curiosi-

ties, and products of the forests, mines and marbles, are worthy of attention and inspection; here you may see the old worn and rusted plow-share that turned the first furrow in Salt Lake valley, also the wooden odometer used in measuring the first long march of the Mormons from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Salt Lake.

The River Jordan comes in from the south and skirts the west side of the city two or three miles from the Temple.

The Lake is about ten miles from the city, but accessible by two lines of railroad, one to Garfield beach, the other to Saltire beach, where the finest salt water bathing in the world is to be had, yet so strong is the salt water, great care must be taken not to swallow it, as it irritates the throat badly, and some fatal cases of strangulation have occurred there.

The melting snows from the surrounding mountains raise the Lake in summer two to three feet, but the dry summer heat and seepage, by fall reduce it to its normal stage.

The indications from the surrounding mountains denote the lake to have been several hundred feet higher in prehistoric times, and that it was a vast inland sea stretching through Arizona and California to the ocean, and will in time, if it has not already come, diminish to the natural capacity of the numerous rivers that now feed it.

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## AUNT LUCIA ABROAD.

[Garden City Herald, Garden City, Kansas.]

ENGLAND—CHAPEL OF ST. EDWARD, WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Having now noticed what is usually considered most interesting in the interior, we will take a glance at the exterior. We have already observed that the form of the Abbey is that of a cross, in which we are to consider Henry the Seventh's Chapel has no part. The cloisters on the south side were added for the convenience of the monks, and the contiguous buildings are of a still later date.

What will principally engage our attention, in viewing the outside of this building (the new towers excepted) is the magnificent portico leading to the north cross—it has been styled the Beautiful, or Solomon's Gate. This portico is Gothic, and extremely beautiful, and over it is a most magnificent window of modern design, admirably executed. The entire height of the north front to the top of the center pinnacle is 120 feet. The north side of the church, between the west front and the transept, is supported by nine graduated buttresses—each has a turreted niche, wherein are placed full length statues of the founders and principal benefactors of the church. The towers at the west end were raised under the direction of Sir Christopher Wren, and terminates with pinnacles at the height of 225 feet. The exterior length of the Abbey is 416 feet; including Henry Seventh's Chapel 530 feet. Having now pointed out what is

accounted most worthy of observation in the construction of this ancient and most interesting Abbey in the world, both within and without, we will next speak of the cloisters.

John Milton referred to these ancient aisles in some poetry written in 1645, which I will quote:

"But let my due feet never fall  
To walk the studious cloister's pale,  
And love the high embowed roof  
With antique pillars massy proof  
And storied windows richly dight  
Casting a dim religious light to the full voiced  
choir below;  
There let the pealing organ blow,  
In service high, and anthems clear  
As may with sweetness through mine ear  
Dissolve me into ecstasies,  
And bring all heaven before mine eyes."

I never can forget the music of that grand old organ, as it reverberated from center to circumference of that ancient Cathedral. The tones produced by the organist penetrated every part of the building. The effect in the cloisters is indescribable. A person must hear it to appreciate it. The following lines are to the point:

"And here, where the end of earthly things  
Lay heroes, patriots, bards and kings,  
Where stiff the hand and still the tongue,  
Of those who fought, and spoke and sung,  
Here, where the fretted aisles prolong  
The distant notes of holy song,  
As if an angel spoke again,  
All peace on earth, good will to men;  
If ever from an English heart,  
Oh here, let prejudice depart."

SIR WALTER SCOTT.

The Cathedral cloisters are very ancient, and many persons of distinction are buried in them. The oldest found are in the south walk near the east end. The first that claims one's attention is inscribed to Abbot Vitalis, who died 1082; the second to Geslebertue Crispinus, who died 1114. Abbot Sanvintins lies under a raised stone of marble, who died 1176, and is said to have been the first who obtained from the Pope, (remember England was Catholic then) Alexander III the privilege of using the mitre, ring and glove. Near these is a slab of black marble, called Long Meg, from its extraordinary length of eleven feet and ten inches by five feet ten inches, and covers the ashes of Gervasius De Blois, son of King Stephen, who died 1106.

In 1349 twenty-six monks of the Abbey fell victims to the plague, which at this time extended its ravages over a great part of the globe, and are all buried under one large stone also called Long Meg. Two children of Samuel Wesley, brother of John and Charles Wesley, lie near the twenty-six monks. Some of the epitaphs are very quaint. Here is one to the memory of Wm. Laurence:

"With diligence and truth, most exemplary,  
Did William Laurence serve as prebendary;  
And for his pains, now past, before not lost,  
Gained this remembrance at his master's cost,  
Oh, read these lines again—you seldom find  
A servant faithful and a master kind.  
Short-hand he wrote; his flower in prime did fade,  
And hasty death short-hand of him hath made.  
Well counts he numbers, and well-measured land;  
Thus doth he now that ground whereon you stand,  
Art maketh some, but thus doth nature all."

Ob Dec. 28, 1620, aged 29.

At the end of the west walk are tablets to the memory of choristers and organists "of this collegiate church." In this walk is a monument to W. Buchan, M. D., author of "Domestic Medicine." Having exceeded the bounds at first intended, we shall conclude in the words of an ingenious writer (unknown) on the subject of this Abbey: "I have wandered," says he, "with pleasure into the most gloomy recesses of this last resort of grandeur. To contemplate human life, and trace mankind through all the wilderness of their frailties and misfortunes, from their cradles to their graves. I have reflected on the shortness of our duration here, and that I was but one of the millions who had been employed in the same manner, in ruminating on the trophies of mortality before me; that I must moulder to dust in the same manner, and quit the scene to a new generation, without leaving the shadow of my existence behind me; that this huge fabric, the sacred depository of fame and grandeur, would only be the stage for the same performances; would receive new accessions of noble dust, would be adorned with other sepulchers of cast and magnificence; would be crowded with successive admirers; and, at last by the unavoidable decays of time bury the whole collection in general obscurity, and be the monuments of its own ruin."

With these thoughts in view Jeremy Taylor wrote in 1651: "Where our kings are crowned, their ancestors lie interred, and they must walk over their grandsire's head to take his crown. There is an acre sown with royal seed, the copy of the greatest change, from rich to naked, from ceiled roofs to arched coffins, from living like gods, to die like men. There the warlike and peaceful, the fortunate and the miserable, the beloved and the despised mingle their dust, and tell all the world, that when we die, our ashes shall be equal to kings, and our accounts easier, and our pains for our crimes less."

The cloisters surround an open court. I judged they were about twelve feet wide, the top and sides of glass. The floor is composed of stone and marble slabs covered with epitaphs, recording the virtues and graces (faults never) of those who sleep beneath. Many of these epitaphs are almost obliterated by the continued tramp of pedestrians. It seemed so thoughtless and sacrilegious to Aunt Lucia.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA FOR 1893.

The seventh annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held May 10 and 11, in the hall of Zion Commandery in the Masonic Temple in Minneapolis—the Convention City.

Delegates were in attendance from thirty-nine chapters. All the Grand officers were present with the exception of two, one having removed from the State and the other being detained by illness.

There were also present Mrs. Rozeneth Mayham, Mrs. Sophia M. Hodges and Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby, Past Grand Matrons, Sister Jacoby being also Grand Electa of the General

Grand Chapter, and John H. Noble and A. P. Swanstrom, Past Grand Patrons.

The session was honored by the presence as guests, of Mrs. E. W. Herrick, Grand Matron of Wisconsin, and Mrs. Susancy Norton, Grand Matron of South Dakota.

Letters of greeting and regrets were received from officers of the General Grand Chapter, and of other grand jurisdictions.

A beautiful address of welcome was given by Mrs. Flora A. Pattee, Worthy Matron of Minnehaha Chapter, which was eloquently responded to by Mrs. Florence Viall, of Robert Morris Chapter, at Spring Valley.

A telegram of greeting and sympathy was ordered sent to Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.

A review of the work of the year shows thirteen new chapters formed, to which charters were granted by the Grand Chapter, an increase of membership of nearly 800, and cash receipts for the year of over \$1,000. Minneapolis Chapter is the banner chapter in amount of work accomplished, having added 146 members to its list during the year.

The interest is great in all the forty-seven chapters of this jurisdiction, all made returns and paid dues.

The officers elected were: Mary C. Taylor, Grand Matron; N. A. Gearhart, Grand Patron; Florence Viall, Associate Grand Matron; Jas. D. Markham, Associate Grand Patron; Ida M. Wing, Grand Secretary; Lucy D. Wakefield, Grand Treasurer; Sarah A. Higgins, Grand Conductress; Mary A. Burke, Associate Grand Conductress.

The officers were installed Thursday evening by Mrs. Sophia M. Hodges, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby acting as Grand Marshal.

An invitation to meet in St. Paul in 1894 was accepted, and the Grand Chapter closed a most harmonious, interesting and instructive session.

Immediately after the close, light refreshments were served by the members of the five chapters located in Minneapolis to which, to quote from numerous addresses, "all did ample justice."

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE GRAND MATRON'S ADDRESS.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS—Another year with its joys and sorrows has day by day added to the past, and we are assembled here to review the work done, to consult together in regard to the best means of promoting the welfare of our Order in the future, and as officers to give an account of our stewardship. As I look around upon those assembled here to-day in this our seventh annual session, I recognize many familiar faces. Some are missing, while in their places, I see many new ones less familiar, but which will not long be strange where all are interested in a common object, the prosperity of our Order. To that end let us review the past year, learning lessons of wisdom from our failures, if any such there have been, and taking courage from our successes, to take up the work of the coming year with renewed strength.

We welcome you all, not only the old members, but the new ones who have recently entered our ranks, and we thank our heavenly Father that we are permitted to meet here for His honor and for the good of our fellow-



men. Let us not forget the duties we owe to each other. Let us be kind, forgiving and forbearing, ever remembering that

It is not the work we do, sisters,  
But the work we leave undone,  
That gives us the bit of heartache  
At the setting of the sun.

I have written a great many letters, something over two hundred, remembering every chapter that I have been unable to meet with. I have received invitations to visit a number of the other chapters, but have been obliged to deny myself that pleasure. When I began the work of the office, those of you who were present, know that to me it was an unexpected honor, and I only accepted it, believing that in doing so I would be doing what was best under the circumstances, and hoping that with the assistance of the sisters and brothers I might fill it without meriting censure from any one. I have tried faithfully to do so, and if I have failed it has certainly not been for want of an earnest desire to do our Order credit. Early in the year I hoped to be able to visit a great many more of the chapters, but soon after returning from the General Grand Chapter, death entered my home and took from our fireside the sunny-faced child to whom I had been filling a mother's place for eight years, and it seemed for a long time as if I never could take up the work again, but love for our beautiful Order, and a resolve that its interests should never suffer through my neglect, strengthened me to begin again, and it has been better so, for doing even a little good to others always brings with it a sense of comfort to ourselves. While we have had no death in our Grand Chapter, many of our sisters and brothers have been called upon to part from loved ones. Here a husband and father, there a wife or mother, or perchance a sister or brother has received this summons. To all those who have been thus afflicted I offer my heartfelt sympathy. Such is the ending of every life, ambition and desire; and as the days pass it would be well for us to pause and inquire if the life we are living is one we will be glad to have lived when its evening shadows fall, and one after another its enjoyments pass away, for

Thus star after star declines,  
Till all are passed away  
As morning high and higher rises  
To pure and perfect day,  
Nor sink those stars in empty night,  
They hide themselves in heaven's own light.

I cannot close my report without thanking the officers and members of this Grand Chapter for the uniform courtesy and kindness which they have shown me on all occasions, especially to the Grand Patron and Grand Secretary, not because they were any more willing to assist me, but because my relations with them have been more extended.

We are standing on the threshold of another year, and as I cheerfully surrender this position of authority to some other sister, I ask for her the same kindness and forbearance you have given me, as well as a loving place for myself in your memory always.

EXTRACTS FROM THE GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, O. E. S.:—You have listened to a carefully prepared statement of the affairs of this Grand Chapter from your Grand Matron. It remains for me to obey the provisions of the Constitution, and report to you my official acts as Grand Patron.

One year ago you elected me to a position involving sacred responsibilities. Only those who have had experience can realize the ceaseless labor necessary to successfully carry on the work of our Order. While the work has been great, I feel fully recompensed by the hearty support given me by my Associate Grand Officers, and the uniform kindness shown me by the membership throughout the jurisdiction. It is seldom, I think, that an official accomplishes all he hopes to ac-

complish when accepting the office. Obstacles seem more difficult to surmount as they are approached; little things assume great proportions as they are met face to face. In assuming the duties of the office of Grand Patron, it seemed to me that the relation of the Grand Chapter to the General Grand Chapter, and with the "discordant element" in this jurisdiction were of paramount importance, and much of my time and energy has been devoted to the bringing about of an honorable reconciliation with both. The edict has gone forth and we are the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. That there should have been discord in this jurisdiction, is to be regretted. That it has continued from year to year, until more than eight years have passed, shows wonderful pertinacity on the part of the contending forces.

It has seemed to me that it is now useless to question as to who was most in the right or most in the wrong. Disunion came and exists to-day, and how to deal with it is the problem which confronts to the exclusion of all others. Rebellion is sometimes justifiable. If unsuccessful it is treason, but if successful, it is revolution.

This Grand Chapter, organized in 1886, by those who could no longer endure the acts of oppression of those in authority over them, has demonstrated its right to exist by the work it has wrought. We, as a nation, are justly proud of those sturdy men who, in '76, dared put their signatures to the Declaration of Independence, and by that act renounce all allegiance to the mother country. Such act was, unquestionably, rebellious, but it was successful and we are accustomed to speak of such rebellion as the revolution. Can you conceive of a person so insane as to suggest that this great Nation, which has grown to its present magnificent proportions, should go hat in hand, to the successors of George the III, and ask to be allowed to again submit to the rule of the mother country?

No more is it to be thought of that this Grand Chapter should tamely yield its existence to that body whose acts of oppression brought it into being. My aim has been to leave out all considerations of the past. I have sought to promote union on the basis of equality, and let healing time dull the edge of the memory of old injuries. I believe the broadest possible view should be taken, and the common interests of the Order advanced and defended by the initiated forces of all its members. Common interest, common sentiment, and above all, common sense should be stronger than the memory of ancient feud.

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

[The Masonic Advocate.]

In a series of "Concluding Papers," following his excellent and exceedingly interesting report on correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Bro. G. C. Connor, P. G. M., takes it upon himself to inveigh against the Order of the Eastern Star in the following unwarrantable manner:

"A barnacle, known as the 'Eastern Star,'—or so-called 'Woman Masonry,' has obtained a strong following here and there, in the west chiefly. The peculiar contrivance has not afflicted the craft in Tennessee, although two or more sporadic attempts were made to establish their lodges. The efforts failed.

"Though alluding in this vein to the 'Eastern Star' there is no intention to criticize the association, only in the attempt to foist itself upon the Craft as a sort of branch or auxilia-

ry. It is a very popular act to attack anything in which woman seeks to benefit her kind, and the other sex, but nevertheless no toleration can be accorded to any organizations that seek to be accepted as in any way a part of Freemasonry. The fraternity is unique! Other institutions may, or may not, be just as useful. We have no criticism of any society whose objects are good, but Freemasonry has no side-shows, no fifth wheels, no auxiliaries, no women members, half members, or cousins. This is the plain statement of the case, and where the fraternity admit any such relations, either by legislation, or by consorting therewith in Masonic clothing, they are guilty of an offense against the body of Masonry. Solitary and alone we put this ball in motion, but it will gather as it rolls, and will accumulate in momentum and influence. All so-called woman Masonry must go, so that the Freemasonry may pursue the even tenor of its way by methods known to itself."

We are absolutely astonished to find such an expression as this from so able and unusually clear-headed a correspondent as Bro. Connor has proved himself to be. It does not sound a bit like him, and we cannot understand what sort of a spell was on him when he wrote it. He ought to know, if he does not, that the Order of the Eastern Star makes no pretension to being any part of Masonry. Every person admitted to the Order is expressly taught that "it is no part of that ancient institution," and every intelligent member so understands it. But it exists for a noble purpose that should enlist the active support of every true Mason. The beneficence of Freemasonry extends not only to Masons, but includes on the same equality the wife, daughter, mother, widow and sister of every brother. The Eastern Star does not add to nor take from these female relatives of Masons any claim upon the great Masonic brotherhood. It simply affords them the means by which they may the more readily prove their identity when among strangers, and thus establish their claim to Masonic recognition. It is no "barnacle" (what a horrid word) on Masonry, and Bro. Connor should blush with shame for using so disparaging an epithet in reference to it.

The Order of the Eastern Star, during the last decade, has very largely outgrown the design of its founder. As it exists to-day it occupies high rank among the many noble Orders whose benign and salutary influences are helping onward many feeble, weary and oppressed travelers, in the rough journey of life. It has a strong organization, including a General Grand Chapter, twenty-seven State Grand Chapters, and nearly fifteen hundred active working chapters located in nearly every State in the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coasts. It numbers an active membership of some seventy thousand or more, earnest, active, working Masons and their female relatives who are made eligible to membership in the Order. Not "in the West chiefly," as Bro. Connor states, has the

Order this strong following, but in New England, New York, and every northern State, with the exception of Pennsylvania, and even there it is getting a strong foot-hold, while all west of the Mississippi River is unanimous in its favor. In a large number of these States nearly every Past Grand Master, and many of the present officials in Grand Lodges, and other Masonic Grand Bodies, are not only members of the Order, but in many instances are holding the highest official positions in it. These brethren are the peers of Brother Connor in their Masonic accomplishments, are as faithful in the observance of Masonic obligations, and are as earnest in their endeavors to sustain the landmarks of Masonry, and to carry forward its sublime principles in a way to secure the best results.

The Order of the Eastern Star, while disclaiming to be any part of Masonry, has elected to be a co-worker with it in its great work of charity, and especially in erecting and maintaining Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Homes. Already more than one hundred thousand dollars has been contributed by the Order to such Homes in New York, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and other States. Not only this, but every live chapter in this broad land is dividing with the Masonic Lodge where it is located, the care and expense of taking care of Masons and their families in cases of sickness and distress, and in every way ministering to the afflicted.

Brother Connor may call this noble Order a "barnacle," "side-show," "fifth-wheel," or any other opprobrious name that may please his fancy in the way of derision; he may, "solitary and alone, put this ball in motion," but he is making the greatest mistake of his life when he imagines that "it will gather as it rolls, and will accumulate in momentum in influence." He may succeed for a time in retarding the introduction of the Order into Tennessee, as was done in Ohio, by closing the doors of Masonic halls against it, but it will get there "all the same," in due time, and will grow and flourish like a green bay tree. The Order has fully demonstrated its power and usefulness for good in such a way as to command the respect and support of the great Masonic brotherhood wherever it exists, and it will go on in its noble work long after Bro. Connor has entered that haven of rest where, it is to be hoped, "barnacles, side-shows, fifth-wheels," etc., will have no terrors for him.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1893

On the lovely spring morning of May 9, little groups were seen wending their way through the streets of the beautiful city of Fitchburg toward the Masonic Hall, where the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., was to convene for its seventeenth annual meeting. Although tardy winter had held back the flowers of spring, the bright sunshine and balmy air inspired all with renewed life and vigor, and the hall was so beautifully decorated with smilax, ferns, and rare potted plants for our

reception, that one could scarcely remember that they were not blooming in abundance everywhere; all this, with the cordial and hearty greetings with which we were received by the members of Lady Emma Chapter, and the very pleasant meeting of the Grand Chapter, made this a day long to be remembered with pleasure.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due and ample form, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Carrie A. Odiorne, the Grand Matron, Louise J. Provin, presiding, and all of the Grand officers present except Grand Esther and Grand Warder, whose stations were filled respectively by sisters Josie A. Crane, P. G. M., and Carrie F. Knowles, P. M. of Melrose Chapter. We missed the pleasant countenance of Sister Flora A. Porter, Grand Ruth, who has been called from this to join the Grand Chapter above. Her vacant chair was filled by Sister Annette J. Wonsen, P. M. of Martha Washington Chapter, Gloucester. R. Emily Little was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

Thirty-one chapters were represented by 157 members of the Grand Chapter, and eighty-eight visitors.

Sister Kate L. McBain, W. M. of Lady Emma Chapter, welcomed the Grand Chapter with the following words:

GRAND MATRON, PATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—It becomes my very pleasant duty this morning, in behalf of Lady Emma Chapter, to bid you welcome to our Masonic home and to extend to each and all a genuine New England welcome. Here in this room as you see about you these emblems speaking to every member of the Eastern Star in beautiful though silent language, telling of the vows we have taken, and lessons we have received around this sacred altar, I think none of you can feel that you are strangers here.

We, the members of Lady Emma Chapter feel highly honored by this visit of the Grand Chapter. Another mile-stone has been passed in our journey, and it is a fitting thing that we should pause as one to-day for a little, to review the work done and shape some plans for future efforts. We have looked forward to this meeting with a great deal of pleasure, and feel confident that this visit of the Grand Chapter will form a bright page in our local history. The lesson of past experience teaches us that it is by untiring efforts and unflinching faithfulness to duty that we can hope to hold fast the proud position we have already won.

May our intercourse with one another at this meeting inspire us with nobler ambitions, with higher aims. May the Eastern Star long continue to shine with its own steady light, and may it in the future, as in the past, dispel the darkness and brighten and gladden all around, and especially the hearts of the sisters and brothers with its cheering rays.

By request of the Grand Matron, Sister Hattie E. Ewing, A. G. M., responded for the Grand Chapter, saying:

Worthy Matron, Sisters and Brothers of Lady Emma Chapter:—In behalf of our Grand Matron and the other members of our Grand Chapter, it becomes my duty as well as pleasure, to respond to the hearty welcome you have given us.

We are not altogether surprised at the manner in which you have received us, for I doubt if one of us ever visited this chapter without receiving a cordial greeting. Ofttimes

welcomes on different occasions are formal and unmeaning, but I believe that that the pleasant words you have spoken to us were prompted by feelings closely akin to the thoughts expressed, and by a true fraternal affection for our Order. On the other hand, the presence of so many sisters and brothers here to-day, gathered from the twenty-nine chapters scattered throughout our commonwealth, must prove to you that we appreciate your kindness to us, that our interest in the Order is steadily increasing, and that we greatly desired to exchange fraternal greetings and renew our bonds of friendship. Quickly the time has passed since the last annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, yet not so swiftly but it has taken some golden links of our earthly chain, added many new ones, and left upon every remaining link some traces of its sunshine and shadow.

May the light of the Eastern Star shine upon this great family re-union to-day, and fill our hearts with wisdom and understanding, and charity to such a degree that we shall entirely forget all self-interest and personal aspirations, and strive only for those things which shall promise to bring to our Order throughout the State the greatest measure of harmony and prosperity.

The following named Grand Representatives near this Grand Chapter were introduced and received with Grand Honors: Sister Louise J. Provin, G. M., for New Hampshire, Washington, Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota, S. Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Oregon, and Illinois. Bro. Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary for New Jersey.

Letters of greeting were received from Sister A. M. McCallister, Grand Secretary of S. Dakota, and Sister Frances R. Martin, Grand Secretary of Connecticut.

The Grand Matron read her annual address including the reports of her Deputies—a lengthy, but well-written document, requiring over an hour to deliver, from which we call the following:

It seems but yesterday that I, as your Grand Matron, welcomed you my sisters and brothers, at the sixteenth annual session of this Grand Chapter. Yet so swift is the resistless flight of time, that another year with its joys and sorrows, its sunshine and clouds, has been added to those already passed beyond recall. With heartfelt gratitude to the great Master of life, that so many of us are permitted to assemble here to-day, again I greet you. It is by His grace that our eyes behold the light of day. Therefore, it is meet that we should look to Him for guidance in the work we have met to perform, asking Him to keep us in the right way, and crown our efforts with His approval. Let us every one remember that personal ambitions and feelings must be laid aside, and that each word and act must tend towards the same end—the future success and well-being of our Order. The past is past, the future is before us, the present with us. Let us then lend our best efforts and most earnest thoughts to the business before us to-day, that each successive morrow may bring added prosperity and united harmony of purpose to our Order throughout this jurisdiction.

She paid a glowing tribute to the memory of our deceased sisters, Past Grand Matron, S. Ellen Whitcomb, and Flora A. Porter, Grand Ruth.

Among her official acts, she reported the appointment of eight Deputies, and commended them for their faithfulness and efficiency.

She has written 300 letters in the interest of



the Order, constituted three chapters, and performed the installation ceremonies in several others. She reported the Order in Massachusetts generally in a prosperous condition, but urged increased energy in our labors for its promotion, recommending great care in the choice of the officers of the chapters, but urged the hearty support of the members and punctuality of officers and members in attendance as well as in duties, the forgetfulness of self in interest of harmony, the studying of the laws and constitutions, the necessity of a thorough investigation of candidates and of secrecy of the ballot, and the importance of faithfulness in little things that we may be fitted for greater work.

She recommended several amendments to the Constitution, which would make a radical change in the Order in this jurisdiction, all of which tended in one direction, that of making the Grand Matron the executive head of the Order during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

In defense of her position she says:

I ask it for the sake of the sisters who will succeed me. Not that they desire to usurp the powers of the Grand Patron. They simply ask their own. No true woman wishes to bear an empty title or wear honors that are not hers. As the chief officers of the Order the Grand Matron wishes an opportunity to do something to deserve the title. Any sister worthy to be elevated to the highest position in our Order is capable of fully understanding our laws and competent to rightly interpret and justly execute them, especially as at any time she may consult the Grand Patron, whose duty it is to advise and assist her. I ask you, members of the Grand Chapter, not to pass lightly over this matter or decide it hastily. I offer it in good faith, firmly believing that they are for the best interests of the Order, and that the time has come in which the Grand Chapter of the old Bay State should fall into line with the majority of the Grand Chapters, when the brothers should thus tacitly acknowledge that our women are the equals in intelligence and executive ability of those of any State in the Union.

The Grand Patron's address was terse and to the point, giving a resume of his work during the past year, and the state of the Order in this jurisdiction. He offered several important recommendations, nearly all of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and adopted by the Grand Chapter. He has traveled 3707 miles in the interest of the Order, and written 406 letters. Seven new chapters have been organized, three of which have been constituted.

We read that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," but Brother Loring seems to have proven himself one of the few exceptions to this, as a majority of these chapters have been organized within a radius of four miles of his own home, and the petition for another is nearly ready for presentation, which we believe is an exceptional record in a State having the area of Massachusetts.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed the membership in twenty-nine chapters, January 1, to be 3195, a net gain of 189 during the year of 1892. Since that time four new

chapters have been organized, which have an aggregate membership of over 225.

Thirty-two members have passed "beyond the smiling and the weeping of earth" to join the golden chain above, among whom we number some of our brightest members.

A large amount of routine business was harmoniously disposed of.

Resolutions of sympathy for Sister A. M. Harrington, Past Grand Matron, who has been confined to her home by illness for a long while, were adopted; also for the family of our late brother, John Hicks, Past Patron of Keystone Chapter, who died suddenly on the evening previous.

But little competition was manifested in the election of officers. They were very ably installed by the Grand Matron, Louise J. Provin, assisted by the Grand Patron, John P. Loring, Grand Chaplain, Carrie A. Odiorne, and Grand Marshal, Effie M. Carson.

The Grand officers for the ensuing term are: Hattie E. Ewing, Grand Matron, Orange.

Adam F. Brown, Grand Patron, Westboro. Mary A. Stebbens, Associate Grand Matron, Fitchburg.

William A. Blossom, Associate Grand Patron, Boston.

Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary, Worcester. Lona L. Goodenough, Grand Treasurer, Easthampton.

Mrs. J. R. Gallup, Grand Conductress, N. Adams.

Mrs. E. J. Graham, Associate Grand Matron, Whitinsville.

Mary A. Potter, Grand Chaplain, S. Framingham.

Lena W. Lamb, Grand Marshal, Orange.

Jane C. Thayer, Grand Adah, Ashland.

Etta L. Paige, Grand Ruth, Athol.

Clara Maynard, Grand Esther, Maynard.

Eliza P. Talbot, Grand Martha, Holliston.

Carrie F. Knowles, Grand Electa, Malden.

Margaret A. Sutton, Grand Warder, Cambridge.

Walter C. Goodwin, Grand Sentinel, Florence.

The members and visitors of the Grand Chapter were royally entertained by the members of Lady Emma Chapter during their stay in Fitchburg, for which they received the grateful thanks of the Grand Chapter.

An evening session was held, during which the officers of Lady Emma Chapter exemplified the Floral Work, by invitation of the Grand Matron.

Sister Louise J. Provin, Past Grand Matron, was appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held at Orange, by invitation of Athena Chapter.

Pleasing remarks were made by many of the officers and members, and thus this pleasant re-union passed into history.

R. EMILY LITTLE.

In asserting your right of opinion forget not that your opponent has ordinarily some little right to his opinion.

## BY APPEARANCES,

[American Tyler.]

It takes a terribly hard experience to teach some of us the lesson of true charity, of absolute loving kindness in judging those who offend us. We were so hot and tired that day when Miss Annette Gale met us in the street, and begged us to follow her to South Melton, to the funeral of the mother of one of her Sunday-school class. "I have to hurry on in advance," she said, "to help them in some of their arrangements—they are frightfully poor—and if you could go up to auntie's for me and ask her for some of her white roses and pinks and geraniums and take them out to me afterwards, it would be such a favor!" Of course we would. We had loved Miss Annette.

The flowers packed and in our hands, we decided to take a hasty lunch before proceeding to the South Melton Ferry, and accordingly went into a restaurant and gave a pale, stupid-looking girl our orders. Surely, no girl ever made so many mistakes in the course of ten minutes! She came back three times to ask what we had ordered; she brought the wrong dishes, and ended by spilling a glass of milk in my lap.

"I must say," said I, before I had time to moderate my words, "that you are the stupidest girl I ever saw! If you intend to wait on table you should give your whole mind to it."

Having expended the force of my little gust of temper, and wiped the milk from my skirt, I became somewhat milder, but added, in somewhat a judicial and deservedly severe tone—"Your mind is evidently not on your work."

The girl made no reply; she apparently did not even hear me, and I made up my mind that she was hardened as well as stupid.

We finished our lunch in haste and hurried to the South Melton ferry. On our way there this same girl passed us, running wildly.

"Discharged, perhaps," said I, glancing at the smear on my gown. "I hope she is; it will be a lesson to her."

By taking a carriage we managed to be in good season at the miserable little house to which we had been directed.

As we carried our boxes of flowers into the sacred stillness where Miss Annette was holding up a child for his last look at his mother's face, in crept the girl I had scolded—breathless from her haste, almost blind and quite dumb with sorrow. She did not notice us, but dropped on her knees by her dead mother's side and rested her forehead against the coffin.

"She has been nearly ill with grief," whispered Miss Annette. "Yet she was obliged to keep on working. This last day, even, she has had to stay until after the busy hours at the restaurant where she is employed. I suppose her heart has been breaking with impatience."

I had had my lesson.

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The proceedings for the Grand Chapter of Indiana 1893, reached our desk some days ago and their appearance reflect credit upon the new Grand Secretary.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1892—its organization—is received and Sister Hooper, Grand Secretary, is to be congratulated on her first effort.

The mother of Sister Carrie Reef, Grand Matron of Colorado, was called to rest April 19, and our sister has the sympathy of the O. E. S. membership in her bereavement.

An eight-page monthly journal, the "Knight Templar," published at Marion, Iowa, by Rev. John W. Geiger, has reached the editor's desk. We welcome it and hope for its success.

The annual meeting for the Western Association of Writers will be held at Spring Fountain Park, on Eagle Lake, Warsaw, Ind., from June 26 to June 30. These summer meetings are both instructive and enjoyable.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Past Grand Matron of Illinois, has been appointed Grand Representative of California under date of May 6, 1893, signed Mrs. Georgia A. Matfield, Grand Matron, and Kate J. Willats, Grand Sec.

It is a matter of sincere regret that no report of Kansas Grand Chapter appears in this issue. The notes reached us too late—the paper was ready for press but we hope to gather the information for our next issue.

The Grand Chapter of South Dakota met in its fifth annual meeting at Flandreau, May 23, convening at three o'clock p. m. A very nice program accompanies the invitation and increases the regret that we can not attend. For the kind invitation please accept thanks.

From an exchange we learn of the illness of the husband of Sister Flo Miller Jamison, editor of "The Signet," and tender her through THE EASTERN STAR, the most sincere sympathy of her O. E. S. sisters, with the hope that ere this he is greatly improved and complete recovery assured.

We have received a copy of the Floral March, arranged by Zella Belding Davis, of Mt. Carmel, Ill. It is designed to be used with the Floral Work, and is highly spoken of for its beauty and artistic forming of emblems, with the exquisite blending of colors in the various marches. Sister Davis is the designer and Sister Georgia G. Hamilton, of Turner, Ill., the publisher.

Through the kindness of Sister Edna L. Hedges, V. W. Grand Chaplain, an invitation to the "May Ball" of Miriam Chapter, Helena, Montana, reached us. Also from Sister Louise E. Allen, Worthy Matron of Ungava Chapter, Riverside, Cal., an invitation to a reception tendered by the chapters. These sisterly courtesies are appreciated, and it would have added greatly to our pleasure had attendance been possible.

New York Grand Chapter will hold its twenty-fourth annual session in New York City, June 6, 7 and 8. The invitation is received and the remembrance appreciated, and the pleasure of meeting with this Grand Body is, Hope whispers, only deferred—we trust that it may be in the near future. May the session be characterized by harmony, and continued success be the portion.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado will meet in its first annual meeting at Denver on June 6. The memory of the very pleasant meeting in August last with the members in that jurisdiction makes one loth to send regrets, and yet thanks for the remembrance and regrets for inability to be present are all that we can do, with the hope that our younger sisters may build wisely and well.

The Grand Chapter of Washington will hold its fifth annual meeting at Tacoma, June 12, and an invitation has reached our desk. Nothing could give greater pleasure than to respond in person and clasp hands with these far off sisters and brothers many of whom are

treasured correspondents, but for this year it is not possible. May the future hold for us that enjoyment. May the meeting be such as will conduce to the happiness of the members and the success of the Order.

There came on May 24 to the home of our Worthy Matron, Sister Effie Kennington, a little stranger to whom was accorded a royal welcome and the heart's best and first offering of mother-love. Of course the father is no exception to the usual run of fathers when the firstborn is a boy—he feels his importance as never before. And Queen Esther, of course, is sharing in the joy, for in that the mother is our Worthy Matron, we all feel a sense of ownership in Robert, and we trust that many happy days await the household.

I am glad to be able to say to my many friends through the columns of THE EASTERN STAR that I am so far improved as to be able to be out of bed and with the aid of canes to get about the house a little—only a little. The improvement must be slow but seven weeks is a long time to be kept from work, and I am only now able to resume a trifle of the work that awaits me, and can not yet dispense with the services of a nurse. I hope and trust that in the next issue I may be able to say that I am quite restored.

The Masonic Library Association of Minneapolis was formed some three years since and is endeavoring to establish a Library and Museum of Art similar to that in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Three representatives from each Masonic body, including the Order of the Eastern Star and Mystic Shrine constitute a Board of Trustees. The labor is all gratuitous and the use of the room is donated by the Masonic Temple Association. Funds for the furnishings, etc., of the Library is raised by giving entertainments and private donations. The rooms are to be open at all times and its literary wealth free to Masons and their families. If any one in possession of works that would add to the collection will send them, the kindness will be appreciated and the donor have the happy consciousness of having done an act of brotherly love.

For five years THE EASTERN STAR has voyaged on the journalistic sea. It is a craft whose captain was all unused to that sort of sailing, nor was its crew sea faring, and all inexperienced they entered upon the duties,—the experiences have been gathered along the way. On the banner which it flung to the breeze was the motto "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth" and the colors it bore were Blue for Fidelity, Yellow for Constancy, White for Purity, Green for Immortality, Red for Fervency. Its cargo was messages of good will, instruction, encouragement and God speed—such as might stimulate the faint-hearted, strengthen the weary and comfort the sorrowing. It started hopefully on its journey and called at every port



distributing its packages and whether it was fair sea or foul sea, its sails were trimmed to the breeze and it tried to breast the waves as though it were a thing of strength. That during this time it has encountered storms is of course true, and it has also had many days of fair sailing. It has proven itself a seaworthy craft and has earned a welcome from those in whose interest it was launched. We ask for its continued kindness and hope to receive the substantial "All Hail," that shall enable it to round out "five times two" and yet another and another.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM R. W. G. SECRETARY.

Quite a number of letters have reached us from different States, saying no appeal had been received by their chapter for aid in maintaining Headquarters at the "White City." I have sent one to every chapter in the United States, taking the address of the Worthy Matron from the last printed report. I am grateful to these chapters who have so kindly offered their assistance. No person can know the care and responsibility resting upon us in voluntarily assuming the duty of soliciting substantial aid for the purpose of maintaining a central meeting place at the "White City," where members of the Order can meet and greet. I noticed the register to-day where not only Illinois, but Massachusetts, California, Indiana and Texas, were represented.

When the six months shall have rolled away, I believe I shall hear the "well done" from all sides, as I did on May 16, 1893, from ten o'clock a. m. till midnight when grand success of the Eastern Star Congress was closed. It was a triumph of years, and the tired, weary mind and body forgot its burdens in the midst of enthusiastic greetings of so much kindness as was my pleasure to hear.

The chapters in the first district came forward nobly and furnished all the floral decorations. The emblematic floral star was kindly voted to go to National Headquarters where it in no small degree made up the decorations. For this great kindness I am truly grateful. It measures four feet across and made of immortelles.

Mrs. Ida M. Roby, Past Matron, and a member of Miriam Chapter, has a pharmacy near the 60th St. entrance, only a few steps from Headquarters. Members of the Order will find us in the north-west corner of the Organization Room "Woman's Building," where we will be glad to see all who call. Of all things, I have sighed for the ability of conveying to you readers the interest and enthusiasm manifested in the Eastern Star at the Art Institute all last week, but as everything passes away, so that eventful week has passed, but the influence for the good of the Order has not passed, but will live on and on, and bring within our ranks many Masons and their families, that will add strength and life to the Order, and give courage to those who are earnestly working for its advancement.

I hope chapters will take action without an invitation and send us what they feel they can afford to spare to aid and encourage us.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

#### EASTERN STAR DAY.

The National Congress of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in Room 17 of the Art Institute at Chicago, May 16, 1893. The day was one of triumph for the members of our Order. The local committees had been busily preparing for the event for weeks, and when the audience gathered in hall 7 they found that nothing had been left undone that could add in any way to the pleasure of those in attendance. The hall was decorated with a profusion of palms and potted plants, while a wealth of the choicest roses were massed upon the platform. Many of the magnificent baskets of roses having been procured for presentation to distinguished guests and friends assisting in rendering the program.

Handsome silk flags, the National colors, draped the speaker's desk and chair. Each person taking part in the program and many of those serving on committees were presented with basket or beautiful bunches of long-stemmed and rare roses. An immense star of immortelles of appropriate colors adorned the wall in the rear of the speaker's stand. Three thousand souvenir programs ornamented with an illuminated star were distributed.

One brother said he had never before realized the important place the Order had gained, but that he was so proud at the magnificent array of talent upon the programs that he immediately seized a handful of the them, and distributed them among his friends.

Among the prominent members, officers and past officers present were:

Sister Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron; Sister Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Sister Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary; Sister Martin, Worthy Grand Conductress; Sisters Ashley, Walker and Butler, P. Grand Matrons; Sister Hart, Grand Matron, Texas; Rev. Dr. Post, Grand Chap. A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; Hon. John C. Smith, P. Grand Master A. F. & A. M. of Illinois; Dr. Wm. A. Stevens; Bro. Ercanbrack, P. Grand Patron of Iowa; Bro. and Sister Gilpin, Oakland Cal.; Sister Augusta B. Smith, P. Matron, San Jose, California.

Sister Pitkin called the meeting to order and introduced Sister Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron, who presided most gracefully. The program proved a very interesting one.

A few of those who were expecting to take part were absent, but sent their papers and they were read by Sisters Snedden, Pitkin and Bro. Pettibone. The musical part of the program was very fine, a noticeable number of each session being a duet by Mrs. H. Judson Decker, and Miss Lorraine J. Decker, daughter and grand-daughter of Sister Pitkin.

Tomasos' Mandolins Orchestra played

throughout the afternoon. The guests passing the time in social converse. The informal reception proved one of the most enjoyable features of the day.

In the evening another program was rendered. Congratulations and regrets were received from absent sisters and brothers, and read from the platform.

Mrs. Potter Palmer, President of Board of Lady Managers World's Fair, was introduced to the large audiences in the evening and made a short address of welcome to visiting guests. She said:

"It has given me much pleasure to be called to meet this vast assemblage of people. I am much surprised at this great gathering. I knew your Order was a large one, but I had no idea such a great number of its members were assembled in the city. No one can attend the meetings of this Congress without being impressed with the tremendous force being exerted here by the women assembled. It gives me much pleasure to welcome you to our city and I hope this meeting will mark an era in your Order. I thank you for the pleasure of greeting you."

Sister Pitkin presented Mrs. Palmer with a cluster of choice roses tied with ribbon of emblematic colors.

A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was a recital by the gifted artist, Miss Woodbury—"Helene Thanire" by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

Hon. John Corson Smith, Past Grand Master A. F. & A. M. gave an interesting talk on "Malta and the defense of St. Elmo."

Every number on the program was a gem, and deserves especial mention but time and space forbid—suffice to say, no more pleasurable or profitable time was had by any Order during the week of World's Congress than was had by the Order of the Eastern Star.

The efforts of the various committees, and of those aiding in the rendition of the program were crowned with entire success.

MARY A. BRADLEY.

#### EXHIBITS FROM EASTERN STAR DAY.

Many regrets were expressed at O. E. S. Congress that Sister Nettie Ransford, P. M. W. Grand Matron, was unable to be present. Her address, prepared for the occasion, will be published in full in the souvenir copy of the Proceedings.

Sister Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron, has returned to her home in St. Louis, after a week spent in Chicago attending the World's Congress of Women. Sister Snedden presided in the General Congress during one session, and the O. E. S. feel that it was a graceful recognition of our Order that such invitation was extended to Sister Snedden.

Dr. William A. Stevens was introduced and made remarks referring pleasantly to the fact that he conferred the degrees of the Eastern Star upon Mrs. Pitkin in 1866, and also calling attention to the fact that Mrs. Pitkin, her daughter and her grand-daughter, three generations, had taken part in the program of the evening, which was a very unusual occurrence.

## GLEANINGS.

## COLORADO.

Ramona Chapter, Colorado Springs, is doing well. It was visited by the G. M. and G. P. during April.

## CALIFORNIA.

The third anniversary of the organization of Ungava Chapter, Riverside, was celebrated by a reception April 11, by the ladies of the chapter in the Masonic Temple. It was the most enjoyable entertainment yet given by the chapter. There were about 250 guests present, comprising the members of the chapter and their many friends. The Masonic Temple, where the happy throng assembled, was tastefully decorated with flowers, ferns, palms and flags. In the center of the floor of the reception room was a large five-pointed star, upon each point of which was beautifully engraved the emblems of the chapter. Little wicker stands tastefully decorated with ribbons were distributed about the room, supporting handsome bouquets of flowers. A feature of the evening which caused much merriment was a rogue's gallery, with profile shadow outline of many of the ladies and gentlemen present. The hospitable ladies kept open house, and refreshments were served throughout the evening in the commodious banquet-hall of the Temple. A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the literary and musical exercises. Among those who volunteered their services were Lee Wilson, guitar solo, (two selections); Anna Rice, piano solo, (two selections); J. H. Rice, of Los Angeles, and Florence Allen, violin and piano, (two selections); Molly Coulston, piano solo; Florence Allen, piano solo; Lena Purdy, recitation, and Lena Allen, piano solo. The performers each rendered their parts in a thoroughly pleasing manner, and their efforts were highly appreciated. Miss Coulston, who contributed a piano solo, is a graduate of the Philadelphia Academy of Music. At the earnest request of some of the gayest of the happy company, Sister L. E. Allen, W. M., kindly permitted the young folks to dance. At midnight, after a most enjoyable evening, the party dispersed to their homes.

May 8, Unity Chapter, West Oakland, was officially visited by Georgia A. Matfield, G. M., one of the most highly cultured and brilliant stars of the "golden west." The hall was appropriately decorated with the stars and stripes, with a profusion of beautiful flowers. An harmonious company of sisters and brothers cordially greeted our distinguished guest. The work of the Order and the Floral Work was exemplified in a faultless manner. Sister Matfield, expressed herself delighted with the entire work, and considered it above criticism. Her remarks were replete with eloquence and commendation. At the conclusion of which Sister Wilson, on behalf of the members of Unity Chapter, presented our honored guest with a silver spoon lined with gold of exquisite design and workmanship in the

handle, of which was an emblematic star. An elegant banquet was spread for over 200 guests, each of which received a dainty flag ornamented with the seal of the chapter and ribbon of the five colors of the Order as a souvenir of the evening. It was a most pleasant and profitable occasion, long to be remembered by those present.

## IOWA.

Oak Chapter, Red Oak, is progressing. It balloted upon eight candidates at a recent meeting.

New chapters are to be organized in Collins, May 22, Iowa City May 26, and Clarion May 31, but of course too late to report in this issue.

May 15 the G. M. met with Shelby Chapter, Shelby. This is a very happy and harmonious chapter, with good officers and the work well rendered, with but few corrections necessary. Of course Shelby was not behind its sister chapters in the matter of refreshments served and enjoyed at the close of the work.

May 12 Carson Chapter, Carson, met in special session for the purpose of initiation, with the G. M. present. There was a large attendance, and the work was very finely rendered, as of course it should be, with such an efficient W. M. as Sister Johnson, and being also the home chapter of Sister Waldo, G. Electa. Tempting refreshments were served at the close and enjoyed by all present.

Benlah Chapter, Grinnell, assembled in special session to greet the G. M., Maria Jackson, and in spite of a stormy evening a good number were present, and exemplified the work in a very creditable manner, showing a great improvement since the last visit of the inspecting officer, which is due in a great measure, to the untiring efforts of the W. M., Mary Elliott. The serving of refreshments and a general good and social time closed a very pleasant evening.

April 27 Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, held a very pleasant meeting for initiation, and a social good time. Three candidates received the degrees, and welcome delegations were present from Shelby, Omaha, Neb., South Omaha and Superior. The Deputy G. M. of Nebraska, (whose name has escaped your informant) was also present, and very pleasant speeches were delivered by her and several of the guests present, after which all adjourned to the dining-room for a fitting close to the night's work.

May 16 a very bright and promising chapter was organized by Maria Jackson, G. M., in Stuart, Guthrie Co., with the full number of charter members allowed by the Constitution. The officers intend that this chapter shall be second to none in the State, and as they have first-class material they are sure to be a number one chapter, and their representatives may be sure of a hearty welcome from their sisters and brothers in the Grand Chapter at Newton. Fanny M. Severs, W. M.; J. B. Bates, W. P.; Jas. F. Woody, Sec.

## ILLINOIS.

Paris Chapter initiated five candidates April 25, after which followed the business of the evening. At the close of chapter a Columbian banquet and social was had. A number of friends of the members had assembled in the ante-rooms and were invited in. The "stars" retired from the room and soon a loud knock, followed by as strange a procession as was ever viewed came in. Uncle Sam and Columbia led the gorgeous pageant, being followed by the World's Fair guests, representing nearly every nation on the globe. All of the costumes were excellent, the majority of them being secured of a masquerade supply house. At the conclusion a program was rendered, consisting of readings, recitations and music. The company dispersed shortly after midnight, carrying away with them the happiest memories of the occasion.

DEAR EASTERN STAR—It gives me great pleasure to report the Order doing nicely in this district.

Chicago Chapter was recently presented with a new gavel, the handiwork of our W. P., Bro. Cheym, to replace one discarded on account of unpleasant associations. We have been enjoying a decided "boom" for some time, taking in from three to five petitioners, and as many candidates, each meeting.

A recent dime social resulted in considerable profit to the chapter, and a very social time, visitors being present from Lady Washington, Siloam, Lake View, and other chapters. The audience was entertained by excellent literary and musical selections, thanks to the energy of our W. M., Sister Aubrey.

Saturday, May 20.—I officially visited Elgin Chapter for inspection, finding a large attendance of visitors from Henrietta and Day Star Chapters, in addition to a full representation of Elgin members. Three petitions were received, and several elected. New business being reached, I was surprised to hear a motion made to elect Sister Lizzie Winship an honorary member of Elgin Chapter, which was unanimously adopted by rising vote. It rather overcame me for a moment, so unexpected was the honor. Work being in order, five candidates were initiated, with a degree of precision and adherence to the Ritual which could not be excelled. The officers were all arrayed in elegant robes, adding greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony, and members and candidates were alike impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. Sister Frame, W. M., Bro. Lawrence, W. P., Sister Hobart, A. M., Sister Lee, Cond.—all, in fact, performed their duties in the most careful manner. After initiation the chapter was called to order, and Bro. Lawrence, W. P., in addressing me, stated that he had a pleasant duty to perform in behalf of Elgin Chapter, presenting me with a sterling silver souvenir spoon, with the city etched in the bowl, and the chapter's name and my initials engraved thereon, in a beautiful plush case. This, he said, was usually given as a souvenir of Elgin, but Elgin Chapter presented it to me as a



token of love, gratitude and esteem. I was more than surprised, but appreciated the loving thoughtfulness, and also the honor conferred on me by my brothers and sisters of Elgin Chapter. After the chapter was closed the Floral Addenda was rendered in a very superior manner, this chapter having adopted Mrs. Zilla B. Davis' new march, which is surpassingly beautiful. We were the guests of Sister Frame, W. M., who has the happy faculty of making one feel at home. The following day we were the guests of Bro. T. E. Lawrence, W. P., and in company with his wife and Sister Frame we had a delightful drive through the city and suburbs of Elgin. I left for home Monday morning, feeling that truly, my lines had fallen in pleasant places.

LIZZIE U. WINSHIP, D. G. M. 1st Dist.

#### INDIANA.

Queen Esther Chapter, at its last meeting, received one by initiation, one was elected to receive the degrees and one petition received.

May 4 Sister Elizabeth Foulk, Frankfort, was pleasantly surprised at her home, by the approach of a number of sisters with music, which brought her to the door. Everybody enjoyed the evening; plays and charades being indulged in. At 10 o'clock refreshments were served, after which all adjourned with well wishes to Sister Foulk hoping that many such happy events may adorn her life.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its first meeting in May at the rooms of the President, Sister Regina C. Rice, with Sisters C. L. and Jeannette McCord as hostesses. The afternoon was pleasantly spent and refreshments were served. The last meeting was held with Sister Sarah Witthoft. An entertainment in under discussion—the afternoon was pleasant and refreshments, of course, closed the meeting.

Naomi Chapter, Indianapolis, which was chartered at the last meeting of the G. C., was constituted and the officers installed on May 18. Martin H. Rice, P. G. P., served as deputy of the G. P., and Melissa Blodgett, P. M. of Queen Esther, assisted as G. Mar. There were quite a number of visitors from Queen Esther Chapter. Naomi, though young, is making good progress, and both officers and members enter into the work with a spirit that bespeaks success. Queen Esther is justly proud of her child.

Attica Chapter was constituted by Eliza J. Moffett, G. Treas., as special deputy of the G. P., and the officers were installed with Bro. Moffett serving as G. Mar. After the close of Chapter Geo. F. Stansbury, a Mason but not a member of the Order, gave a very instructive lecture on "Women of the present day, and as a factor in Masonry in the early ages of the world." Following this all repaired to the dining-room where forty sat down to beautifully decorated tables and elegant refreshments were served. They have a lovely hall, of which the sisters have free use—a large dining-room and adjacent kitchen with all things convenient. The Blue Lodge is in

sympathy with the chapter, and we predict for Attica Chapter a prosperous future. The principal officers are: Mary Isley, W. M.; Leander Arbogast, W. P.; Lucy Beamer, A. M. The A. M. was too ill to be present and will be installed in the near future.

H. E. A.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Scottsburg Chapter will hold a reunion on the 27th. We intend making it an enjoyable affair for the children in the afternoon, and have a called meeting for work at night; also a program for evening. Our W. M., Sister Davis, is still too ill to take any part in the exercises, but she hopes to be able to do the work at night. We have conferred the degrees at every meeting this year, in fact almost every meeting since we were organized three years ago. We have a membership of 104, eleven elected to receive the degrees and eleven petitions. We have outgrown our hall, which is a bad one any way; the sisters have a hard time trying to make it look respectable. We have good furniture, an organ, nice chairs for the officers and nice jewels. If Sister Ransford could only tell us how to get the brothers to work to secure a better hall we would rejoice. Hoping Sister Ransford, that you are fast regaining your health, I am fraternally yours, E. E. W.

May 2 some sixty Stars from Peru and over forty from Wabash visited Fidelity Chapter, Logansport. There were also representative visitors from Indianapolis, Terre Haute, North Manchester, Winamac and Kansas. An elegant supper was served to them at 6 o'clock, after which the time was spent in lively chatter. The program of the evening consisted in the exemplification of the degree work, and a musical entertainment of a most pleasing nature. In the initiation ceremony the W. P. of Fidelity Chapter, Bro. O. B. Sargent, having a severe cold requested Bro. Martin H. Rice, P. G. P., Indianapolis, to fill his office, which he did to the great enjoyment of all who were there. At 11 o'clock p. m. refreshments were served in the banquet hall, and there were many expressions of pleasure at the beauty of the table. Palms, ferns and cut flowers were in profusion and the gay little tissue bags of the five symbolical colors at each plate, filled with salted almonds added to the enjoyment of the feast. Seldom has our chapter-room held a jollier crowd and after a short time spent in dancing all unwillingly dispersed, voting the evening a well spent one.

C. D. B.

[FROM THE GRAND MATRON.]

By invitation on the evening of May 1, I visited Warsaw Chapter. This visit was intended a surprise to Bro. and Sister Webber, and the chapter as well, and was gotten up by Bro. and Sister Conrad. Sister Conrad relented from her cruel purpose and made known the secret to Sister Webber; Brother Webber insists that he knew all about it, but of course he did not. They have a pleasant chapter-room nicely furnished. The work was exemplified upon four candidates. Visitors were present from Pierceton and Bourbon.

A nice banquet was spread in the banquet-room, and received due attention, about 125 being present; Recitations, "Our Vows," "Gossip by two Old Maids," and "The Woman who wanted to be a Mason," also "Ruth and Naomi," by two of the sisters, and vocal selections were all well rendered. Dancing was indulged in and an enjoyable time by all. I was presented with a basket of very beautiful flowers. This chapter is a number one chapter.

Upon the same evening I received an invitation to visit Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, but having accepted the invitation from Warsaw I could not attend. I was very sorry it so happened.

HELEN E. MACOMBER.

#### KANSAS.

Union Chapter, Ottawa, held a pleasant social at the residence of one of our Past Matrons, Helen Smith and Bro. Smith, a Past Patton. There was a large attendance and a very enjoyable evening. This being the birthday of Sister Smith she was the recipient of some very elegant presents from the Eastern Star and other friends, gold-lined silver tea set, cake basket, butter dish, and set of knives and forks and spoons, together with a handsome antique oak extension table from her two sons. This with the beautiful set of china the Star had previously given her, with the dinner prepared by her in her New England home fashion will be one we all hope to be invited to partake of, for few know better how to get up a number one dinner.

At the regular meeting of Queen Bess Chapter, May 18, the chapter tendered a reception to Ellen A. Kenner, P. M., in honor of her election to the office of G. A. Con. The chapter-room was beautifully decorated with flowers. After the regular opening the W. M. ordered the Con. to escort Sister Kenner to the east, where she was saluted with grand honors, and a beautiful bouquet was presented to her by Sister Kelley, W. M. Although taken completely by surprise, Sister Kenner responded with an appropriate address. After the regular business was disposed of a short literary and musical program was rendered, and then the W. M. invited the members and visitors present to the banquet-hall, which was also beautifully decorated, where refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake. Queen Bess is keeping up interest under the management of the new officers, but are not having a very large amount of work, though prospects are good for more in the near future. The new officers are deserving of high praise for succeeding in keeping up interest in dull times.

SEC.

#### MICHIGAN.

Palestine Chapter, April 24, initiated eight, making a total membership of 208, and twenty-three on the way. After the close of the work a special program was carried out, which was in its entirety entertaining. The chapter has been holding semi-monthly entertainments, which adds much to the success of the chapter.

Again has the death angel knocked at the door of Mt. Pleasant Chapter, and taken from our number Sister Clara Morris, on April 8, whose loss we mourn, and in whose death the chapter suffers the loss of one of its faithful, earnest members. The home, a true, loving wife and mother; the community, a good citizen, and the poor and needy a warm friend. Ever since the organization of Mt. Pleasant Chapter, Sister Morris has been greatly interested in its success and prosperity, and while we mourn her loss, and sorrow that she meets with us no more, let us ever trust in our Father's loving care, that beyond the smiling and the weeping, we may meet again with the loved ones gone before. In compliance with her request, the beautiful burial service of the Order was rendered at the grave. Suitable resolutions were adopted by the chapter. Thus one by one the golden links are broken.

H. E. C. B.

#### MISSOURI.

Golden Gate Chapter is in splendid working order, and is prosperous and happy.

Hesperia is growing rapidly, and is doing excellent work. At a recent social upwards of 175 were in attendance.

We are all very much saddened to hear of the painful accident that happened to our dear sister, Mrs. Ransford, editor of THE EASTERN STAR. We sincerely hope it may not prove serious, and that she will soon be at her post, wielding that trenchant pen for which she is so justly famous.

Harmony Chapter is enjoying an era of phenomenal prosperity. At a recent convocation, twenty-three petitions were on the Secretary's desk, acted upon, and the petitioners ready for initiation. Since then a half-dozen or more have been received. Every alternate meeting of this chapter is devoted mainly to a sociable. The meeting held on April 24, was one of this nature. It was violet in character. The "M's" and "N's" entertained. The cake was strewn with violets, and the dainty sandwiches were tied with violet-colored ribbon, in the bow of which was a violet, the napkins were of violet, each guest was presented with a bunch of violets, and one of the waltzes was "Sweet Violets." Still the proprieties of the evening were not violated. Sister W. C. Miller, P. M., was chief violater. Over 150 were in attendance. This chapter has suffered a great loss in the removal of Sister and Brother J. N. Griffith to St. Louis. Sister Griffith has been Secretary of the chapter for a number of years, and was a model in her duties. Bro. Griffith was always around, ready to serve in any capacity. Both rarely ever missed a meeting. The chapter passed highly complimentary resolutions on their departure, and presented Sister Griffith with a handsome Eastern Star pin, suitably engraved.

SARAH JASE.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

A new chapter has just been organized at Palmer, with fifty-five charter members.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held a very

pleasant meeting, May 4, elected two candidates and initiated one. May 18, was devoted to an entertainment for the treasury.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, has received a dispensation to confer the degrees of the Order on twenty-five persons, for the purpose of organizing a chapter at Roslindale, a suburban district of Boston.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, received one petition at the meeting held May 5. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the fourteenth anniversary of the chapter.

Ruth Chapter, U. D., Chelsea, has initiated four candidates this month and received several petitions. This chapter has an excellent corps of officers who are deeply interested in the work and we bespeak for Chelsea a very prosperous Chapter.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, gave a whist party May 12, for the benefit of one of the members who has been confined at home by illness for a long time. The tickets were placed at fifty cents each, and, it is needless to say, found a ready sale.

Among the closing acts of the official position of John P. Loring, P. G. P., was the organization of Columbia Chapter, U. D., Upton, with twenty-three charter members, and Bethesda, Mansfield, with twenty-one charter members. The G. P., A. F. Brown, has appointed Bro. Loring his deputy, and placed in his care Crystal, Ruth, Columbia and Bethesda Chapters, U. D.

The past has been a very interesting and eventful month in Eastern Star circles in Massachusetts. April 26 Myrtle Chapter was constituted at Holliston with fifty-four members. Nearly all of the Grand officers were present to assist in the ceremonies. The Grand officers and visitors were royally entertained by the members of Myrtle Chapter during their stay. Eliza P. Talbot, W. M.; Bro. Partridge, W. P.; Sister Partridge, A. M.

Athena Chapter, Orange, the home of our newly elected Grand Matron, has ever been numbered among the most thrifty in this jurisdiction. Something over a year ago the Chapter lost nearly all of its paraphernalia by fire, but a new Masonic building has been erected wherein Athena finds a home, and the Chapter has been especially prosperous since established in its new quarters, with work at every meeting; having initiated thirty-one candidates the present term. We are assured by the Grand Matron that no officer ever used a ritual in the Chapter-room since the Chapter was organized. The members work together in perfect harmony and the Chapter has the full and hearty support of the Masonic fraternity.

The seventh anniversary of Electa Chapter, Waltham, was celebrated May 3, with a very excellent musical and literary entertainment and banquet, to which the friends of the members were invited, and, as with all good things, this last entertainment was deemed the best. Among the especial features were

a flag drill by a company of little girls; a May-pole dance, and character representations by our everinimitable Sister Alice P. Warren; although all of the talent, which was varied and select, received well merited commendation. At the regular meeting, May 17, three candidates were elected. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter, also from Greeley Chapter, Greeley, Colorado.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, received two petitions, elected six, initiated two candidates, and affiliated one member. A very heavy cloud of sorrow has fallen upon this chapter. Past Patron John Hicks died at his residence, in Allston, Monday, May 8, after a short illness. Bro. Hicks was an earnest and faithful member, and greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him. He served the chapter as Worthy Patron in 1889 and 1890, and proved himself a faithful and efficient officer, ever ready to give his assistance in whatever tended to the well-being of our Order. His wife, Ellen E. Hicks and only child, Jennie Hicks, are respectively the W. M. and A. M. of the chapter at the present time. They have the heartfelt sympathy of all. "We shall meet but we shall miss him."

April 27 was one of those days when "April showers" fall in torrents, and mud in the suburbs is indescribable, yet Crystal Chapter, U. D., Malden, had a very full and pleasant meeting, received six petitions, elected one, and initiated seven candidates. This chapter seems to abound with pleasing surprises. Scarcely a meeting passes but some beautiful addition to their furnishings finds its way into the chapter room mysteriously. This time it is the W. P. and the Con. who take the chapter by surprise by presenting two beautiful gold-mounted ebony baton rests. On the center of the rest is a five-pointed star, in gold, bearing the legend, "Crystal Chapter 36, O. E. S. Presented by Horace F. Gleason and Sarah E. Gleason, 1893." Visitors were present from Vesta and Melrose Chapters. Refreshments were served.

Aurora Chapter, Natick, held a memorial service for the deceased members, May 5, with the following program: "Selection," by the Boston Quartette; exercises by officers of the chapter; the Lord's Prayer; selection, by the Quartette; roll-call of deceased members, by the secretary; Tribute by Past Grand Patron, D. H. C. Gleason; address, by the A. M.; Prayer, by the Chaplain; selection, by the Quartette; presentation of floral emblems by officers, with musical responses by the Quartette; singing, "Nearer My God to Thee," by the audience; closing address of the W. M.; benediction. The ceremonies were very beautifully and impressively rendered. "Roll-call" presented a list of thirty, among whom were several of the charter members of the chapter. A large company was present to witness the impressive ceremonies.

May 1 found the Grand officers at East



Boston, for the purpose of constituting Mystic Chapter. The elegant new Masonic Hall was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. This chapter, which was organized six months ago, with twenty-six charter members, now numbers 130, with a large number of petitions pending as well as candidates waiting. The constituting ceremonies were performed at 4 p. m., after which a lunch was served. In the evening the officers were publicly installed by Louise J. Provin, G. M., assisted by John P. Loring, G. P., Carrie A. Odiorne, G. Chap., and Effie M. Carson, G. Mar., after which a grand banquet was served. Fully 450 people were present to witness the interesting ceremonies, which were listened to with marked attention. Maria P. Hyde, W. M.; Edward F. Graves, W. P.; Nellie B. Fisher, A. M.; Wm. T. Smith, Sec. This chapter loses none of its interest by becoming full-fledged. May 15 six petitions were received, eighteen candidates elected and fifteen initiated. Visitors were present from all of the local chapters.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, was the next to receive the attention of the Grand officers. Here the constitution and installation ceremonies were private and performed May 3. Although the rain fell in torrents, the chapter room was taxed to its utmost capacity by the members and visitors, many from necessity being seated in the adjoining reception room. Lunch was served at early evening and a banquet at the close of the ceremonies. The G. M. and G. P. were assisted in the constituting ceremonies by Carrie S. Fairbairn as A. G. M., A. F. Brown, A. G. P.; Wm. A. Blossom, G. Sec.; Pauline Shaw, G. Treas.; R. Emily Little, G. C.; Mary F. Loring, A. G. C.; Carrie A. Odiorne, G. Chap.; Effie M. Carson, G. Mar. The star was cared for by sisters Carrie F. Knowles, Nellie S. Crane, Clara W. Palmer, Hannah L. Knowles, and Helen A. Atkins, and at the door were Sister Ada E. Lavers and Wm. H. Stocker. Hattie F. Hopkins presided at the piano. Flowers were scattered in profusion everywhere, and later on many of the Grand officers, also the W. M., was remembered with elegant bouquets. This chapter, organized just six months previous with twenty-two charter members, now numbers 108, and receives petitions at nearly every meeting. Myra A. Anderson, W. M.; Chas. H. Chapman, W. P.; Abbie J. Carlton, A. M.; Olive P. Welcome, Sec. R. E. L.

## NEW MEXICO.

Ransford Chapter, East Las Vegas, is prospering and everything harmonious.

## NEBRASKA.

April 29 Vesta Chapter, Omaha, held a special meeting for initiation. The D. G. M. of Nebraska was present, also the G. M. of Iowa, and a large delegation from Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, Ia., and from Ida Chapter, South Omaha. The officers of Vesta Chapter have made a wonderful improvement in their work the past year and the work is done without rituals. The officers have lovely new robes now, and for the first time on this

occasion fourteen candidates were initiated, which was followed by congratulatory speeches by the guests present, after which all adjourned to the banquet-hall, to enjoy the tempting viands there set forth, and to enjoy also the many witty speeches delivered by the members on call of the toast mistress, Sister Whitmarsh, one especially on "The Goat," by Dr. Mary Strong, bringing down the house.

## NEW YORK.

On May 16 the rooms of Day Star Chapter, of Brooklyn, were dedicated by the Grand officers of the State. A choice musical program and refreshments followed.

The G. M., Hannah L. Quinn, instituted a chapter at Pottersville, May 4, to be called Jephtha Chapter, and one at Glens Falls on May 5, to be known as Glens Star Chapter. This last body has seventy-one charter members.

Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, conferred the degree of Sisterhood on May 20, with an attendance of 200 persons. The following persons participated: May Belle Ackerman, Honored Madam; John C. Heinman, Orator; Anna C. Wert, Associate; Anna L. Brooks, Treas.; Minnie K. Burrell, Sec.; Kate E. Gant, Deaconess; Emily A. Gillon, Preceptress; Jennie L. Evans, Faith; Carrie L. Love, Hope; Mrs. A. Taylor, Charity; S. H. Ackerman, Org.; Mrs. E. Burton, War.; Maggie Mullins, Vocalist. This degree is founded on the theological ladder, and a system of morality is introduced and explained in the ceremony of an hour that enlists the most ardent commendation. The degree was composed by Alonzo J. Burton in the year 1878. It is exemplified about once every three years. A. J. B.

## TEXAS.

Sister Mary J. Scott Underhill has just organized another Chapter with fifty charter members. During her stay she was the guest of Dr. Cruse whose wife is W. M. The new chapter begins with bright prospects. Mattie Cruse, M. M.; W. H. Turner, W. P.; Emma Allums, A. M.; A. G. Hodges, Sec.

## WISCONSIN.

Oregon Chapter, Oregon, was organized March 14, by G. F. Spencer, Jr. Mrs. M. W. Terwilliger, W. M.; M. W. Terwilliger, W. P.; Mrs. F. R. Salisbury, A. M.

Minerva Chapter, U. D., Lancaster, was organized April 3, by J. H. Evans, Deputy of the G. P. Clara M. Frothingham, W. M.; R. B. Showalter, W. P.; Helen M. Budd, A. M.

Sparta Chapter was represented at G. C. in Milwaukee by its G. M., Annie S. Goodchap. The chapter is progressing, and recently gave a May Party at Armory Hall, with over 400 guests. The hall was decorated with flowers and evergreens, on one side was the emblematic star, and on the opposite side the initials of the Order. The stage was fitted up like a drawing room for those who did not wish to dance and they could visit or play cards. In one corner of the room there was a booth which was also trimmed with evergreens and flowers, arranged in the shape of a star, and from which refreshments were served mostly by little girls and boys. Everything passed off nicely and all pronounced it very pleasant. Tomah, Virqua and Elroy Chapters were represented, and the W. M. met each one at the door and presented them with a ribbon badge of the five colors of the Order. Six new members have been added this year and refreshments are served at every initiation. There is also a sewing society organized, composed of members of the Chapter, which meets every other week. It has a Fair in contemplation. At the next meeting the G. M., Emma R. Herrick, is expected to officially visit the chapter, and a happy time is anticipated.

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## MINNESOTA.

Wednesday evening Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, conferred the degrees and tendered a reception and banquet to Mrs. Sophia M. Hodges, a member of the Chapter, who has returned from Chicago. Mrs. Hodges is Past G. M. of the State. Many visitors were present from other chapters, among whom was J. D. Markham, A. G. P.

## MEMORIAL.

[Published by special request.]

Resolutions upon the death of Sister Josephine E. Loomis, adopted by Miriam Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., Helena, Montana.

WHEREAS, the dispensations of Divine Providence, which pervade all human experiences and events, have overshadowed the station of Electa in Miriam Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., and taken from us our sister, Josephine E. Loomis, a beloved and lamented member, an able and faithful officer, and

WHEREAS, Such events in our mystic circle are ever fraught with the sense of personal loss, as well as the shock of sudden and complete severance of official ties. Miriam Chapter deeply feels this invasion of the Grim Messenger at the fifth point of the star, and the departure from our companionship of one whose influence was ever exerted for good, both within and without the lines of our Order, and whose loss will constantly remind us how subject we all are to change disease and death. And

WHEREAS, By this stroke another link in the golden chain has been forged to bind us to that better land, to which all orders and conditions of mankind are hastening, where reigns "the long, long summer of eternal life."

Death has triumphed; loving hands  
Cannot raise her from his hands;  
But the emblems that we shower,  
Tell us of a mightier power.

Therefore be it

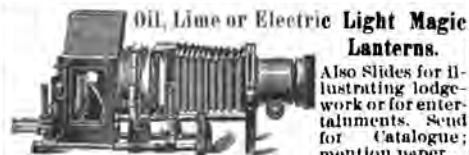
Resolved, That Miriam Chapter, mindful of others in their grief, unites in shedding the tear of sympathy with those who mourn, and in sending a word of fraternal love to the husband, son, mother and sisters of Josephine E. Loomis, and will drape the chair of Electa in mourning for thirty days.

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## WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS CONVENTION.

The tenth Annual Convention Indiana Woman's Relief Corps was held at Evansville, April 5 and 6. The first day was devoted to hearing the reports of officers, receiving visitors, etc. The reports show the Department to be in a healthy condition. There remained in good standing April 5, 1893, 6,418 members, 181 corps; \$5,972.83 had been expended for relief; 875 soldiers were assisted. On the second day occurred the election of officers, the result of which was as follows: Julia Conklin, President, Nettie Ransford, Senior Vice-President; Eliza Crisler, Junior Vice-President; Etta S. Houk, Secretary; Mary H. Howe, Treasurer; Mary A. Sims, Chaplain, Nannie L. Ross, Inspector; Ida S. McBride, Counselor; Mary McElvane, I. and I. Officer. Farragut Post and Corps; and citizens of Ev-

ansville received the guests royally. Everything was done for their comfort and pleasure. On the evening of April 4 a reception was given to the Department officers by the members of Farragut Corps. The reception was large and the occasion an enjoyable one. The camp-fire on the following evening was a feast of patriotism, and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The crowning feature was an excursion on the river, given by Farragut Post to the delegates and visitors of the Encampment and W. R. C. Convention. All expressed themselves as having an enjoyable time. The W. R. C. delegates then returned to their convention room and held a night session to complete their work. All returned home on Friday, feeling very grateful to the citizens of Evansville for their kind hospitality during their stay in our city. E. H.



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**MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK,**

**Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.**

Mrs. Harriet A. (Boyce) Ercanbrack is of unadulterated English stock, a native of Ontario. While her age was designated by the "teens" she, with her parents, became a resident of Marengo, Illinois. Since that time, there has been no more loyal American than she.

In her early twenties she was captured by the village school-master. She removed with her captor to Anamosa Iowa, at which place she has lived for more than a quarter of a century. During that time, while her husband has been engaged in the successful practice of law, she has devoted much of her energies for the public welfare.

Ten years of her life has been employed in teaching, for the most part in the department of the High School.

As a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, she has been faithful in word and work. For years she has been a prominent worker of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

On the evening of January 5, 1881, she was initiated as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, by Sister Jennie E. Matthews, then the Grand Matron of Iowa, and since Most Worthy Grand Matron. On the same evening of her initiation Mrs. Ercanbrack was made Worthy Matron of the new chapter then formed, which office she has filled ever since, with an interval of three years, when she was engaged in more public duties.

She served the Grand Chapter of Iowa as Treasurer for three years, at the expiration of which term she was chosen Grand Matron. She filled this executive office from June, 1886, to September, 1891. During that time the Order in Iowa flourished in a marked de-

gree. Without stint, she devoted her energies to what she considered a worthy cause.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis in 1889, she was elected Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, to which office she was again chosen at the Columbus meeting in 1892.

At the O. E. S. Congress in Memorial Hall, on the Lake Front in Chicago, on May 16,



**MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK.**

1893, she delivered an address on the "Educational Characteristics of the Order."

Sister Ercanbrack is of a retiring disposition and while without reserve, she has given of time and energy to whatever enterprise she was pledged, she has never sought publicity. She stands in the Order as among the most efficient and capable.

For The Eastern Star.

**A PEN PANORAMA FROM DENVER TO PORTLAND, OREGON.**

BY H. A. BAKER.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.]

Returning to Ogden we take the route up Bear River Valley. Nine miles west are the Utah Hot Springs, similar in all particulars

to those at Salt Lake City. On we go through several Mormon villages neatly built, the Wahsatch Range close to our right, and far to the west are other ranges, beyond Salt Lake; as we proceed up the valley, the mountains to the west gradually close in towards us, and finally we are in a grand canon with barely room for the river and our track, while far below us rolls the green water of the stream, through the gorge, and far above us rise the perpendicular cliffs hundreds of feet. Our progress seems about to close abruptly, but we finally pass through a tunnel and emerge into the valley beyond, which now widens from five to ten miles, and is occupied by Mormon farms and stock ranches. Large flocks of sheep were feeding among the sage brush, and the soil looks very inviting for fruit or cereal crops. Up this valley 100 miles to McCammon is a veritable garden spot, one almost envies the Mormon his possession, but how few realize the trials and hardships they endured in the long weary overland march from Nauvoo, Illinois, over forty years ago on foot; most of them propelling their hand-carts which contained their little stores

of provision, utensils and clothing, beset upon all sides by hostile Indians, cut off from any supplies of home comforts, without a crop of grain or mill to grind if they had it, a thousand miles from the nearest settlement where supplies could be procured, flour, vegetables and clothing at fabulous prices, if to be had at all.

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## A PEN PANORAMA FROM DENVER TO PORTLAND, OREGON.

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From Pendleton we glide rapidly down the Umatilla valley, which is a vast plain sparsely settled. The river is a rapid stream, foaming and boiling over its uneven lava bed, offering splendid sites for water power.

Umatilla is an insignificant town of 200 or 300 inhabitants, at the confluence of the Umatilla River with the Columbia, and here our hopes end in fruition and disappointment. We behold for the first time the Columbia River, lazily flowing through a low plain as far as the eye can reach, devoid of the characteristics with which our previous fancy had invested it. Instead of being the grand broad river we had imagined it from our early study of geography, it appears to be not more than 150 yards wide looking straight across it, but a view up or down for a few miles dispels the delusion, and increases the width to one quarter of a mile, and often a mile or more, its depth is sufficient to float a fair-sized steamboat at ordinary stages of water from Astoria to Prest Rapids—barring obstructions of which I shall mention—a distance of 400 miles. The immediate valley near the river from Umatilla to the Dalles is a continuous series of sand dunes, that require sand breaks similar to snow breaks on the prairies to protect the track from drifting sands, and it is a frequent occurrence to have trains drifted in for several hours at a time, in which case they must be shovelled out, as no snow plow or bucking engine can penetrate the drifts.

The bed of the Columbia is a solid black trap rock of volcanic formation from Umatilla to the ocean, and at various points forms serious obstruction to navigation, notably at the Falls of Celilo, the Dalles and the Cascades. We pass several quite imposing streams between Umatilla and the Dalles, The John Day, and DesChutes Rivers, the latter as we see it for half a mile is a roaring cascade that loses its force by contact with the Columbia. It would make a very valuable water power at small expense, and will undoubtedly be utilized in the near future.

About fifty miles above the Dalles the eastern spurs of the Cascade range of mountains contract the broad plains and we enter the valley which is now varying from one to five miles in width.

At Celilo are falls ten to fifteen feet high, and twelve miles below Celilo are the Dalles. You must be on the qui vive or you will not see them, as Dalles City is three miles below. They were to me the one point of most interest on the entire river that I most desired to see and fully understand, and one needs several hours there. They are formed by a barrier of several islands the black basalt rock that rise perpendicular from thirty to fifty feet above low water, and extend from

bluff to bluff on either side of the river, extending down the river a mile or more. Just above them the river is perhaps a half-mile wide and suddenly contracts, and the water is forced through several serpentine gorges among the islands in varying widths from 80 to 200 feet. At high water the great volume that passes these scant openings must present an appalling scene of magnificent grandeur. The top of these ledges covering hundreds of acres are perfectly destitute of soil or vegetation, having been washed clear of every movable object by high water in years ago, leaving a rough, uneven surface of broken and jagged rocks that render pedestrianism very tedious and unsafe. Among these gorges are located many traps and fish wheels for taking salmon in their season; some of them are many feet above low water, but in May when the mountain floods come down from Montana and Idaho the water raises to the traps and hundreds of tons of salmon are annually taken at this point and prepared at the adjacent cannery for the markets of the world.

As you are about to pass this wonder of nature do not forget to cast your eyes to the south-west and get the first grand sight of Mount Hood. It is splendid from here, but will pass from view before you reach the station at Dalles City and you will not see it again until you reach Portland.

Dalles City has but little to recommend it, has a population of about 2,000, and it expects to have a boom on completion of the cascade locks, giving it continuous navigation to Portland and the ocean.

The cascades 165 miles from Astoria have a fall of twenty to thirty feet in the first mile, which is a rough and tumble fall over the uneven ledge, the river contracting to a few hundred feet in width; being serpentine in form only a part of the entire five miles embraced in the cascades is visible from any one point.

In extreme high water steamers built at the Dalles have successfully passed the rapids; but never to return. Between the cascades and Portland; rather from Bonneville, four miles below cascade locks, you may enjoy a delightful trip by steamer, which plies daily between points, and is far preferable to train, as we are now entering that part of the valley where the scenery is decidedly interesting, though much is seen from the cars, it is so momentary one loses the connection of the panorama, while from the boat you see and observe it at long range and from every point of vantage. You long for a kodak now to preserve for the benefit of friends these passing gems of beauty that are continually spattering the eye.

Mamaloose Island, twelve miles below the Dalles, is one of the historic points of interest, being the ancient burial ground of the Indians. It is not more than ten acres in extent and rises abruptly from the river on the south and west sides, and is perhaps thirty feet above low water; at the west end

stands a white monument, erected to Dick Tuvitt, a white man, who had great affection for the Indians of this section, and at his request was buried on this spot.

At Bonneville the U. P. R. Co. has established a public picnic grounds in a dense grove of native spruce and fir, to which in summer run regular excursions by rail and boat from Portland and other points. By either route some of the finest scenery on the Columbia is seen, notably, the Rooster Rock, the Pillars of Hercules, the Falls of Multnomah, Bridal Veil, Onevrita, and others. Multnomah Falls, said to be over 800 feet high, are certainly most deceptive as seen from the train, which stops—if in the day time—to give the passengers a view of them. They are not more than 200 feet distant from the train, and do not appear to be more than that in height. The conductor assured me it took him three hours to climb to the top of them, and wore out a pair of new shoes in so doing; from that decision there was no appeal.

From Pendleton to Hood River—fifteen miles below the Dalles—the plains, valley and bluffs of the Columbia, are destitute of timber. From Hood River begins a splendid growth of spruce and fir groves that continue to increase in density all the way to Portland, and extend to the edge of the Pacific Ocean.

At Fairview we leave the Columbia River and cross the peninsula to Portland, on the Willamette River twelve miles above its confluence with the Columbia. The peninsula is a high, undulating plateau, formerly heavily timbered; but a few native groves are left and the myriad of stumps remind us of its former magnificent forests.

The peninsula is rapidly being built up with suburban hamlets, where many fine homes are seen through the vistas of evergreen, and in time will be absorbed by the city of Portland, which has a bright future before it. I must leave Portland and vicinity for a future sketch, as there is too much of interest to attempt it in this paper.

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One of the criticisms launched at the Chicago women by men who have to see everything done by women faulty because they are women, is that in all the Women's Congresses there was not a discussion nor a paper on the topic of "Motherhood." And they hold that a dreadful thing. Well, in all the papers and discussions, of the many men's gatherings there, has any one seen or heard of any on the topic, "Fatherhood?" Yet there is no criticism because there is not. P. E. O's can find a great fulfillment of their most sacred vows in combatting this endless assault on all that women are to do, inspired simply by the fact that they are women. P. E. O. Record.

Do not feel discouraged if you get an idea that makes you feel uncomfortable, for every revolution was once but a single thought in one brain.



**MRS. ELLEN M. SMITH,****Associate Grand Matron of Kansas.**

Ellen M. Smith was born at Gage's Lake, Lake County, Ill., May 31, 1844. She was the second child of a family of four daughters. In 1854 her parents moved to McHenry County, where she resided until her marriage to J. M. Smith on January 1, 1862. In 1878 they came to Osborne, Kan., where the remainder of her life was spent. She had two daughters, Mabel, the eldest, married and is now living in the home with her father; the second child died in infancy.

In June of 1888 she visited the home of her father and mother to celebrate their golden wedding, which occurred on July 4 of that year. Of the large gathering of friends and neighbors, twenty-eight were relatives, and an unbroken band of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The death of her whom they so much loved was the first link to be severed from the family circle.

In January 1, of 1887, her many friends assembled at her pleasant home to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of her marriage. The spacious rooms were well filled with friends, all receiving a cordial greeting. A royal feast of good things was served in the chapter-room, to which all did justice. To the last day of her life she was the same bright, unselfish, lovable woman, and we felt her death as a personal bereavement; a friend of the poor and needy, ever ready to bestow acts of charity and benevolence whenever, and wherever needed.

In 1888 she was elected Matron of Osborne Chapter, re-elected in 1889 and again in 1890. As daughter, wife, mother and Matron, she filled to completion every station with which she was entrusted.

In March of 1890, she was prostrated with stomach trouble, baffling all medical skill, and on the thirteenth of that month she met the messenger death without a murmur, yielding obedience to the Divine Will. With willing hands and hearts the sisters were untiring in their efforts to relieve and nurse her to health, feeling we needed her as guide, counselor and leader among us. She exemplified in her daily life the teachings of charity, love, unity and peace shining with undiminished lustre in all her ways. She was not a church member but manifested Christian graces in her home and the chapter she so much loved.

At the session of the Grand Chapter of Kansas in 1889 she was elected Associate Grand Matron. Sickness prevented her meeting with the Grand body convening in Hutchinson, and before the close of the session, a telegram of her death was received. Mem-

ory recalls the sad scene in the following appropriate lines:

"I went to the house of mourning,  
I looked on the silent form;  
I turned away, I could not bear  
The inward gathering storm.

I sought to hide the watery mists  
That came before my eyes;  
'Twas mine to comfort and console,  
To wear submissions guise.

I turned again, I dimly saw  
A most enchanting sight,  
A book of nature's sweetest flowers,  
And open to God's light.

It rested near the peaceful face  
Of her I loved so well.  
It was an offering from dear friends,  
Who of her life could tell.

Two score years and six she lived  
Her life open to our view;  
Her thoughts, her feelings and her deeds,  
Here very neighbor knew.

**MRS. ELLEN M. SMITH.**

I read the flowered lettered page,  
'Record clear,' it seemingly said,  
Those I felt were truthful words  
And justly due the dead.

To live as well as she had lived,  
To be to some as dear;  
To win in books that mankind keep  
This entry, 'Record Clear.' "

Death is not a monster; he is a friend of many of us, and when he comes to you or me, we want to greet him with a smile, and ask only that he will not linger long around us but take us away so soon that we will only seem like a ray of sunshine that was here yesterday, and to-morrow another in its place.

**WHAT MAKES IT?**

"In all the counsel that we two have shared,  
The sisters' vows, the hours that we have spent,  
When we have chid the hasty footed time  
For parting us."

—Mid Summer Night's Dream.

The sentiment of this extract points to what may be called pure friendship, wherein it is made the receptacle of confidence and repose. A confiding that is free of all doubts or anything that has the appearance of unfaithfulness. This friendship is so strong that the union of the associations seems to superinduce perceptions of the most delicate a nature; they are toned to that fineness, that a jar or ripple will electrify both dispositions, and both minds, and make a discord that throws both systems out of harmony and unity. It is quite surprising what an union of sentiment is created in these centers of pure friendship, and were we to examine the composition of this quality, or if we incline to call it a characteristic, I am quite sure the research would disclose every principle that savors of the most humane feelings for mankind. And as we search for the cementing influence, we will be rewarded with the result, or with the knowledge, that pure friendship is not entirely the union of dispositions that are compatible, or in harmony with each other, for the similarity of composition, or for the uniform classification, and grouping of the organs of the mind, but this creation or arrangement, whereby these friendships are formed, is more the result of education of the faculties, than anything else. By appreciation and correction we can often make these conditions, even though our natures at first do not intermingle and interchange. It may seem quite inconsistent, and contrary to reason to assert that in these matters we allow ourselves to drift into friendships that appear to be formed above, or as we say, from some unknown cause. This anomaly, we may term the union of sentiment, and of inclination, but in reality it is nothing more than the work of

nature, in what is frequently called an electricity that appears spontaneous whenever certain dispositions are placed together. It is a nice point for study, and the person who grasps the subject will be amply repaid for knowing why these attachments are formed, and when the understanding is acquired, I am free to assert that it will be so pure, and so far from all ambiguity, that such a condition as insincerity, with its various forms, and disguises that lead into unpleasantness will be avoided, then it will appear to such a person in a form heretofore unknown. Until then we will not have the proper conception of pure friendship.

A. J. BURTON.

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## AUNT LUCIA ABROAD.

[Garden City Herald, Garden City, Kansas.]

ENGLAND—CHAPEL OF HENRY VII—WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

If there is a cheerful spot in Westminster Abbey it is to be found in Henry VII chapel. It is built in the style of a cathedral, composed of nave and side aisles. It was built by Henry VII for a royal sepulchre. Its dimensions are: Length of exterior, 115 feet and two inches; length of nave 103 feet and nine inches; breadth of nave thirty-five feet and nine inches; length of aisles sixty-six feet and five inches; breadth of aisles seventeen feet and two inches; entire breadth of chapel seventy feet.

We enter by the east end of the Abbey by steps of gray marble, which lead up to doors of brass, curiously wrought, the panels are filled with National emblems, lions, roses and crowns. We sat down in one of the stalls beneath a Gothic canopy, and took a good view of our surroundings. The vaulting is of stone, wrought in such an endless variety of figures, that language would fail to describe them. The floor is in Mosaic. In niches in the walls are 120 statues of patriarchs, saints, martyrs and confessors. Opposite the entrance, at the east end, the brass chapel and tomb of the founder is seen. It is nearly in the center of the semi-circle. Much of the work in this chapel is so rare and curious that foreign masters of art often visit it to make copies. The fourteen windows above and nineteen below are considered very fine.

## THE NAVE.

What is chiefly to be admired here is the royal vault where their majesties George II and his Queen, Caroline are buried and a number of Princes, Princesses and three Dukes are buried, but strangers are attracted to the magnificent tomb of Henry VII and his Queen Elizabeth, the best of the house of York who wore the English crown. This tomb stands in the body of the chapel enclosed in a curious chantry of cast brass and ornamented with the statues of St. George, St. James, St. Bartholemey and St. Edward. On a tomb of black marble are the effigies of the royal pair, in robes of state, the head supported by a red dragon, the foot by an angel. Between the door and Henry VII tomb our Edward VI was buried in 1553. If he had not died childless we might have had royal blood in our veins, but you know

"Of all the sad words of tongue or pen,  
Are these, what I might have been."

A table covers his remains and on it is written, "In place of the ancient altar, destroyed in the civil wars, to the honor of God, and in pious memory of Edward VI, who is buried beneath this holy table, in a gentler age, was placed by Arthur Penrhyn Stanley, D. D., Dean of Westminster 1870." The remains of James I died 1625 are in the tomb of Henry VII.

There are several interesting chapels around the tomb of Henry VII. In one are the re-

mains of Arabella Stewart, four children of Charles I, a daughter of James I, and Prince Rupert, her son; Ann Hyde, first wife of James II, and ten of their infant children, William, Duke of Gloucester, and son of Ann, and seventeen of her infant children. In one chapel is a fine monument to the memory of the Duke De Montpensier, the inscription sets forth his virtues and sorrows, says "he descended from the kings of France, and after experiencing the vicissitudes of fortune, he was received with great hospitality by the English nation; and at length rests in this asylum for Kings, born in 1775, died 1807. Louis Philip, Duke of Orleans, afterwards Louis Phillippi of France, erects this monument in memory of one of the best of brothers."

Cromwell, four of his family and six officers were buried in a vault at the end of this chapel, but their remains were removed at the restoration.

In the north aisle is the magnificent monument to Queen Elizabeth, died March 24, 1602, and her sister Mary, whose reign preceded that of Queen Elizabeth, died 1558. The inscription speaks of her character, high descent, and the memorable acts of her glorious reign, that she was the mother of her country, the patroness of religion and learning, skilled in many languages, adorned with every excellence of mind and person, endowed with princely virtues, that in her reign religion was restored, peace established, money restored to its just value, domestic insurrections quelled, France delivered from intestine troubles, Spanish Armada defeated, that she was a most prudent governess, forty-five years a virtuous and triumphant queen, and blessed in all great affairs, and that after a calm and resigned death in the seventieth year of her age, she left the mortal part to be deposited in this church which she established on a new footing. And yet she couldn't vote.

In the same chapel is a monument raised by Charles II to the memory of Edward V, and his brother who were murdered in the Tower by their uncle Richard. The Latin inscription translated into English is: "Here lie the relics of Edward V. and Richard, Duke of York, who, being confined in the tower, and there stifled with pillows. Their bones long enquired after, and wished for, after laying 191 years in rubbish of the stairs, those leading to the chapel of the White Tower." When I passed over those stairs my attention was called to the fact, of their discovery July 17, 1674, and Charles II ordered these unfortunate Princes to be laid with their predecessors.

## SOUTH AISLE.

Almost opposite the tomb of Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary, is the magnificent tomb of Mary, Queen of Scots, erected by the same King, James I, her son. Few women have passed through more vicissitudes than Mary, Queen of Scots, fatherless when a few days old, the bride of Francis II, of France, at fifteen, a widow before she was

seventeen, twice a widow after, and after being confined for years, was finally beheaded by order of Queen Elizabeth—if memory serves me right, for I have no history at hand—February, 8, 1587, aged forty-five.

There are quite a number of kings and queens buried in this chapel, but to speak of them all would make this article too lengthy, cannot close without speaking of the "Cradle Tomb" of Sophia, daughter of James I, born at Greenwich 1606, and died in three days. The following verses are touching and appropriate, by Susan Coolidge:

## "THE CRADLE TOMB."

A little rudely sculptured bed  
With shadowy folds of marble lace,  
And gilt of marble princely spread  
And folded round the baby's face.

Smoothly in mimic coverlet  
With royal blazonry bedight,  
Hangs, as by tender fingers set,  
And straightened for the last good night.

And traced upon the pillow store  
A dent is seen, as if to bless  
The quiet sleep of some grieving one  
Had leaned and left a soft impress.

It seems no more than yesterday  
Since the sad mother down the stair  
And down the long aisle stole away,  
And left her darling sleeping there.

But dust upon the cradle lies,  
And those who prized the baby so  
And laid her down to rest with sighs,  
Were turned to dust long years ago.

Above the peaceful pillowed head  
Three centuries brood, and strangers peep  
And wonder at the carved bed,  
But not unwept the baby's sleep.

For wistful mother, eyes are blurred  
With sudden mists, as fingers stay  
And the old dusts are roused and stirred  
By the warm tear drops of to-day.

Men die, but sorrow never dies;  
The crowding years divide in vain,  
And the wide world is knit with ties,  
Of common brotherhood in pain.

Of common share in grief and loss,  
And heritage in the immortal bloom  
Of love, which flowering round its cross,  
Made beautiful a baby's tomb.

I visited Henry the VII chapel several times. Somehow death loses its terrors amid such beautiful surroundings. The tombs and effigies in this chapel do not look sombre and ghostly. Kings and queens in royal robes have the appearance of rest and sleep. The beauty of the chapel is expressed in the following words; "It is the admiration of the universe; such inimitable perfection appears in every part, that so far exceeding human excellence that it appears knit together by the fingers of angels pursuant to the direction of omnipotence."

Think not that you are the only one who has to endure, and who dreads the hardships of life. Ease and comfort are the natural desires of the human heart, and there are thorns real or imaginary, in everyone's pathway. But sitting down and brooding will never bring power to overcome them. Rather be up and doing, thankful for the blessings still remaining.



## ANNIVERSARY POEM.

[Composed and read by Carrie P. James, W. M. of Wm. M. Black Chapter, No. 80, Brazil, Ind., on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the Chapter O. E. S., March 3, 1893, and printed by request of the Chapter in THE EASTERN STAR.]

In eighteen hundred and eighty-eight  
To Brazil, Indiana State,  
Came George and Jennie from afar, (and said)  
Why can't we have an Eastern Star.  
See, F. A. M.'s are many here  
To organize we need not fear.  
So 'twas agreed, in counsel heard,  
To come together March the third.

'Twas Eve, who came from Terre Haute,  
With other Stars of lesser note,  
And organized the Chapter then,  
With thirty women and twenty men.  
For membership they did not lack,  
And called the Chapter Wm. M. Black.  
So each an obligation took,  
And signed the Secretary's book.

All promised to be good and true,  
In every thing they say or do,  
In charity and love to bind  
Themselves to live with all mankind;  
And of each other speak no ill,  
But every obligation fill.  
And now this March, our fifth birth-rite,  
We meet to celebrate that night.

To call the roll and note the way  
That all have taken since that day.  
A few their dues refused to send,  
And these the Chapter did suspend.  
While one has died, and some seen fit  
To pay their dues—take a demit  
But here we write upon this sheet  
A list of members made complete.

There's Adams, first of all—why not?  
Since Eve has made this garden spot;  
And Sarah, though of ancient lore,  
The covenant for Abram bore—  
And Sarah, of more modern date,  
Who charmed the world by acting great.  
The spirit moved that Noah should,  
Make him an ark of gopher wood,

To float upon the waters deep  
And thus the generations keep.  
And so for ages time has run  
From Adam down to Washington.  
Of prophets, one Daniel we see,  
A man of great integrity;  
And Daniel found in Counsel wise,  
Daniel, the author, we all prize.

There's Hannah, full of hope and trust,  
That unto God by vow she must  
Give Samuel her first-born son.  
And thus for God a prophet won.  
Rebecca, faithful, kind and good,  
A mother ready, one who would,  
To bless her son, make sacrifice,  
And by it Jacob won the prize.

And David also, he whose wife,  
His Abigail whose lovely life  
Won his esteem and proved how sure  
A woman's life can be made pure.

While of Apostles, one, two, three,  
Andrew, James and John we see,  
While Peter standing, 'tis a fact,  
And said we yet one number lack  
To make a dozen, so let's vote,  
(The Secretary please take note)  
For Joseph or Matthias—well  
The lot upon Matthias fell.

Of great reformers, Luther stands  
Foremost to teach the great commands;  
While Justice from King James' court  
Is dealt to John-sons without vote.  
Of Generals, McLelland, Scott,  
And Seigle, too, with bravery fought,

To Hunt the rebels and 'Carrie all  
They had the little Minnie ball.

Of noble queens our numbers swell:  
There's Margaret, Anna, Isabel,  
Princess, Louisa, Frances, too,  
Whose history we have in view.  
And kings as many we can name,  
George, Charles and William equal fame.  
Prince Albert, Henry, noble men,  
An equal number making ten.

To bind together in our chain,  
This band of Stars yet feel no Payne,  
They called a Cooper into deal,  
And joined the link with good Custeel;  
This made the Chapter all in one—  
And with the aid of Harrison  
And Agnes C. what all can do  
To build this Chapter up anew.

From Dixonland and Rice swamps far  
They gathered here to form this Star—  
And now since five years we have spent  
Together with such sweet content,  
No Spears can pierce nor Reed can break,  
The unity by which we make  
Our vows complete and all combine  
Ready to Wheeler into line.

Now, if we work with all our might  
And do the ways that's always Wright,  
Before the March of ninety-four  
We'll make our number forty more.

For The Eastern Star.

## A WITHERED ROSE.

Mrs. Burnett and Dorothy were in the dining-room, viewing the supper table with pride and satisfaction.

"It certainly does look beautiful, Dorothy," said Mrs. Burnett, "It does beat all what a knack you have arranging things. I never saw a table set prettier in all my life."

Mrs. Burnett was right, Dorothy's taste had made the table a tempting sight. It was set with damask and Mrs. Burnett's best gold-banded china, only used on the most important occasions. A glass bowl filled with sweet peas and maidenhair fern, stood in the center of the table; a wreath of parsley and slices of lemon ornamented the platter, whereon lay the slices of cold ham. Grape leaves made a cool background for the thimble-like raspberries. Golden honey in a crystal bowl balls of Dutch cheese, amber-like jellies and, luscious nectarines made one's mouth water.

Dorothy gave a happy little laugh.

"I do hope the cake will be good," she said. "Now I am going to run home, and leave you to fry the chicken and make the tea. I shall come back in time to make the biscuits, so don't worry about them."

Mrs. Burnett watched the trim little figure of Dorothy as she saw her open the side gate, and run across the wide meadow that lay between her house and Dorothy's.

"What a comfort she is," she said. "How thankful Will ought to be that he will have such a good wife. I never saw such a disposition. Looks like nothing ever aggravates or worries her. She is like old 'Squire Rodney in that though. He's lost everything he's got except Dorothy, and no one ever heard him complain. Now Will hasn't written to Dorothy for a year; but when his letter came last week saying he'd be home to-night she

forgot all about neglect, and is just as tickled as I am."

Dorothy walked quickly through the long grass. How beautiful the world was; and how happy she herself was. Dear Will. He had been gone two whole years, and it seemed an age. Now in an hour she should see him. She could hear his careless laugh already. What a gay careless boy he was. She remembered the evening they parted. He had been quite overcome with grief; but she had put on a brave face and cheered him up. He was going out to make a name for himself; and she was ready to sacrifice him on the altar of fame.

She had always shown a protecting care for Will ever since they were children. He was of a generally happy disposition, but was given to spells of dark moodiness. He was easily elated by the the prospect of success, and correspondingly cast down by the first sign of defeat. Dorothy inherited her father's strong calm nature, and had an abiding faith that made her cheerful under the most trying events. She and her father had gone through loss after loss, with a resignation characteristic of their strong natures.

When Will had left his boyhood home, his mother's heart was filled with misgivings.

"He is so easily influenced," she said. "Can he withstand the temptations of the city?"

But Dorothy felt no such misgivings. Will's pure nature was proof against all temptation. Nothing should come between them. Loyal blood ran in both their veins, and neither time nor distance could weaken their love. Will had written her long letters at first, but then the claims of business grew pressing, and he had only time for a word now and then, always closing with, "Remember Dorothy that nothing can part us."

Then he was sent to Alaska on an important errand; and all letters ceased. Dorothy's brave young heart grew heavy, but she was as blithe and cheery before her father and Will's mother as ever. Only when alone in her own room at night did she shed a few tears and pray fervently that Will might come home safely.

Last week the long-expected letter came. Not to Dorothy however, but to his mother telling her that he would be at home Thursday evening. "Remember me to Dorothy," his letter said, "I will have a surprise for you when I come."

Dorothy stopped at the flower bed and picked a large cluster of clover-scented pinks.

"I shall wear you to-night," she said, "for Will loves you better than any other flower. Do you realize what that means my unconscious beauties?" she added with a laugh.

She brushed her smooth hair until it shone like black satin. She placed a crimson pink among the coils that lay close around her small head. Then she donned her prettiest dress of white lawn with cream clovers scattered over it; and just before she passed downstairs, fastened a large cluster of pinks in the bosom of her dress.

Dorothy took a soft white shawl from the hall rack and threw it over her arm. The sun was setting and the yard and meadow were full of long weird shadows. Dorothy held up her dress carefully to avoid the damp grass, and walked more slowly toward the house.

What could Will's surprise be? He had received a promotion perhaps. She wondered how he would look and what they would have to say to each other. She felt no resentment towards Will for not writing. When two persons had promised to be true to each other until death what was a letter? Now he was coming home to her as fast as the train could bear him and she could think of nothing else.

She found Mrs. Burnett in the kitchen; and soon was enveloped in a big apron, making Will's favorite biscuits.

Just as everything was in readiness, there was a rumble of wheels and they heard Will's well-known voice cry "Mother."

Dorothy grew suddenly very weak, as she followed Mrs. Burnett into the hall. Will was in his mother's arms and she was patting him on the back and crying over him as if he were a baby. Dorothy laughed as she saw how excited Mrs. Burnett was. Will gave Dorothy's hand a nervous shake, then turned to his mother and said:

"Mother let me introduce to you my wife."

Then they noticed for the first time, a stately woman who had stepped into the hall and had hold of Will's protecting arm.

Mrs. Burnett fell back against the wall and stared. "Your wife," she gasped.

"Yes, mother, some other time I will tell you all about our marriage" said Will with a nervous laugh, "but now Alice and I are both hungry, and I know you have a famous supper waiting for us."

Every sound seemed to die and the whole air was hushed. Mrs. Burnett stood powerless to move. At last she heard a deep-drawn breath at her side; and a small ice-cold hand was laid on her arm. It was Dorothy. Even in the dusky hall Mrs. Burnett could see how white she was; but her clear sweet voice broke the silence unfalteringly.

"We are forgetting the supper," she said, "Mrs. Burnett, you bring the guests, and I will set the things on the table."

But good Mrs. Burnett followed Dorothy into the kitchen, and sank into a chair.

"My only son" she moaned, the tears rolling down her cheeks, "He has broken my heart."

Dorothy put both arms around the weeping woman and held her close.

"Hush," she said, "She is your daughter now, and you must try and like her for his sake."

Mrs. Burnett kissed her fervently.

"Oh Dorothy," she said, "how selfish I am. What can I say to you?"

"Do not keep the supper waiting," Dorothy answered. "But say nothing to them of me."

Then Dorothy was out in the open air again.

She stopped at the gate and looked back. The lamps had been lighted, and she could see the bright table through the open window. Mrs. Burnett was sitting silent, eating nothing. Will was talking loudly, and filling the plate of the handsome fair-haired woman across from him.

Dorothy closed her eyes and leaned against the post. The sad notes of a mourning dove were borne to her on the breeze.

She stood thus until a full moon had risen above the horizon. Then the breeze grew chill and she shivered and opened her eyes. She did not turn toward the house again but set her face toward her own home.

Betty was placing a light in the window. It seemed to Dorothy to beckon her home. She glanced up the meadow. In the moonlight she could see the waving branches of the willows that encircled the mill pond. They too seemed to beckon to the heart-broken girl.

Will's laugh came floating through the air, followed by the laugh of a woman. Dorothy's face hardened. She took a step forward. Already she could see the clear cool waters of the mill-pond. A quick plunge and all would be over. She looked towards her home. Through the open window she could see her father sitting, awaiting her coming.

Dorothy threw back her head with the soldier-like gesture she had inherited from him. Then she walked firmly across the meadow towards her home.

Again Will's laugh came on the cruel breeze, and she started with a quick gasp to run. She could not stand the sound of that laugh. It seemed miles across the meadow. Her pretty dress grew drabbled and stained with grass and dew, and her feet seemed heavy.

Once inside the house she climbed wearily up the long staircase to her own room. With a trembling hand she turned out the bright light, then tore the cluster of pinks from her bosom, and hurled them far out the window.

She could not stand the smell of the flowers which brought back to her so strongly her lost faith. Will's perfidy had fallen like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, leaving in its wake, the ruin of a brave true heart; still brave in its attempt to live a helpful, unselfish life, under the crushing shadow of another's falseness.

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#### GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW YORK, 1893

The Twenty fourth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter O. E. S., of New York, was held in the Commandery room, Masonic Hall, New York City, June 6, 7 and 8.

All the Grand Officers were present; seven Past Grand Patrons, twelve Past Grand Matrons. Very many Past Grand Officers, and representatives from fifty-four Chapters were present at the opening of Grand Chapter.

The galleries were crowded with members

of Subordinate Chapters. Visitors were Julia A. Granis, Grand Matron of Connecticut; Sister Beyen, Grand Matron of New Jersey; three Past Grand Matrons and a Past Grand Patron, all of New Jersey.

Addresses of the first four officers were then given.

The Grand Matron reported having granted six dispensations for New Chapters, and several other applications were received after May 15, too late for her to act upon.

Six brothers, members of the Grand Chapter, have died during the year, in respect to whose memory the altar and jewels were draped in mourning during the session.

The Grand Secretary's report showed there had been 784 initiations during the year, and the total number of members in this state to 3,788.

The balance in the treasurer is \$207.00.

A committee of twenty-one sisters and brothers, with Robert McCoy as Chairman, were appointed to make arrangements to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State, which will be duly celebrated at the annual session June, 1894.

The Grand Officers are:

Mrs. Elizabeth Raymond, Grand Matron, Syracuse.

John C. Heinman, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Associate Grand Matron.

James E. Botsford, Associate Grand Patron.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA, 1893.

The eighteenth annual meeting was held in Omaha beginning June 13 at 8 p. m. and continuing through the 14 and 15th. Sister Angeline Whitmarsh, the Worthy Matron of Vesta Chapter, welcomed the members and visitors to Vesta hall and hospitality, and a very appropriate response was made by Sister Anna E. Musselman, Associate Grand Matron.

There were eleven Grand officers present, two Past Grand Matrons and four Past Grand Patrons.

There were thirty-eight Chapters represented and the Grand Matron of Iowa, Maria Jackson, who was present, was received with Grand Honors.

The address of the Grand Matron shows that prosperity is the portion of that jurisdiction. She says:

Again I come before you, and tender to your consideration and judgment the record of a year. In its consideration I do not ask for leniency, forbearance or charity; I ask nothing for myself, but for the work which has been done under my direction I ask your just judgment. You are the jury to whom I submit my record as an officer of this Grand Chapter, and I ask you to pass your candid verdict upon the facts as they shall be submitted to you. And if as judge you shall say I have erred, I shall cheerfully submit, for I know that all I have done has been in accordance with the principles of our Order, and in conformity with our laws, as I have understood them. If you shall approve, such approval shall be the crowning glory of my consciousness of having done my best. And whichever it shall be, I rest assured it will be



given in candor, and I thank you therefor in advance.

The year now closed has borne fruits of sorrow and affliction for many of us; but I am confident that within the hearts of all there is to-day great thanksgiving for the blessings which have followed. Death has not entered the ranks of the Grand Chapter. Our roll-call to-day will not be marked by that eloquent silence in which we almost think we hear the rustle of a wing, and strain our ears to catch the sound of some loved voice hushed forever in this life. All are here, and again we are thankful. Into the homes of many of the members of our Order in this jurisdiction the grim reaper has entered, and carried away jewels for the Master's crown, and links for the golden chain of love which binds us so closely to the great Hereafter; and to all those who have been thus left lonely we extend our sincere sympathy, and trust that in the heart of each one is an earnest echo of Martha's trustful words, "I know that he will rise again."

And now to you all, sisters and brothers, I want to say—Thank you, for the universal kindness and prompt assistance you have given me through the two years I have served as your Grand Matron. When the demands of honor and justice have required the surrender of fondest hopes, your fraternal love has removed the thorns from the path to the altar; when the loss of property has made it necessary for me to go forth like the humble gleaner, I found the grain your loving hands had scattered; and if I have failed to bring in the sheaves, it was through no fault or lack of your love and consideration. When the angel of death called my father to the better world, and when other afflictions have come to me, your loving kindness and sympathy pointed to the Star of Bethlehem; and your help has made me strong to stand for my convictions of right under any and all circumstances.

She issued a circular letter to further the interest of the Order which was sent to every Chapter and every Lodge F. & A. M. in the jurisdiction, also reports that the Chapters save one joined in making an exhibit at the World's Fair. In closing she urges a closer conformity to the ritual and in consequence more perfect work and also thanks her co-workers.

The Grand Patron's address is applicable in many respects to more than the jurisdiction of Nebraska, therefore we quote:

Having been duly elected and installed to this honorable office, one year ago. I hastily left Grand Island for Omaha, where I was, as Master of my Lodge, to represent it at the annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska; and having so little time to get there, I had no opportunity to consult with my associates in office as to the work before us. My election as Grand Patron was an event of which I had never dreamed, and hence had given it no thought; in consequence of which, I left Grand Island with the impression that mine was rather an unimportant office; and still, I realized that there must be some work for me to do that was of some importance, and, knowing the officer better than the office, I could not help but feel that the Grand Chapter had made a mistake in my election. And had I realized the importance of the office then, as I know it now, I would certainly have felt constrained to decline it, not so much for want of zeal or love for the cause, (for in those features I yield to nobody,) as for want of courage to assume so important a trust. I now know

that the office is an important one, and worthy of earnest labor.

We meet at this time to review the past, and contemplate for the future. Let us remember, then, that the influence of our acts at this time will be felt long after we who have assembled shall have passed away. Let us hope that our meeting will be harmonious, instructive, and for the very best good—let us not lose sight of the fact that we are not here to legislate for the pleasure or profit of any party or set, but to consider what will best promote the interest of our whole Order, and further its growth and prosperity, not only in this State, but throughout the whole world. It is a matter of congratulation that we grow, and that our Order is steadily advancing. Not only from our own State, which reports twenty new Chapters and three revivals, but from all points, the glad tidings come of new Chapters being organized, and of renewed interest and good work of the older ones.

In speaking of delegating to others the duty of organizing new Chapters because of the economy, he questions very justly whether in many instances the result is economical and says:

Whether there is any real economy in the procedure, I have my doubts. There are always many questions to answer at the organization of new Chapters, some of them of great importance to the future welfare of the new Chapters, as well as to the Order at large, and it seems to me that those answers would be more satisfactory, and, possibly, more likely to be correct, if rendered by him to whom you have delegated that duty. They would, at least, be more uniform. It may be that the brothers to whom these proxies are issued are even more capable of answering these questions than the Grand Patron himself yet their answers would be more in the nature of opinions than of official decisions, and hence less satisfactory. There can be no doubt but that the future of a new Chapter largely depends on the manner in which it has been organized. Hence too much retrenchment in money matters at this critical period may prove anything but real economy. I would not have you believe that I underestimate the importance of true economy, for I consider it one of the essentials to the future prosperity of any institution. But let it be economy indeed.

These thoughts may well be considered by Grand Patrons generally for the custom of delegating duties is far too common among those clothed with especial authority in this work. He reports the organization of twenty Chapters and the resuscitation of three. Also recommended that the report on Correspondence be published in the proceedings; that the proceedings be of uniform size; that U. D's be not numbered until chartered and closes with this very appropriate admonition:

And now, sisters and brothers, let us remember that the sisters and brothers who are unable to be with us at this time are looking to us, that we legislate wisely, and for a common good. Let no contention, therefore, exist among us but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree. Let us not be hasty or inconsiderate in our actions, but deliberate, thoughtful and harmonious. Let us recognize the fact that all associations are based upon the idea that each one willingly yields something of his own preferences for the harmony and general good of the whole.

From the Grand Secretary's report we learn that during the year sickness and suf-

fering was his portion, but that through all he was kindly remembered by the sisters and brothers.

Through the Grand Chaplain the death of eleven members was reported and pages set aside in the proceedings—In Memoriam.

The Finance Committee recommended that vouchers appear for all moneys paid out and that all monies be turned over to the Grand Treasurer—wise recommendation, which the Grand Chapter adopted.

A committee of three was appointed to procure for the retiring Grand Matron a Past Grand Matron's jewel.

Also a committee was appointed to present at the next annual meeting a uniform Code of By-Laws for the subordinate Chapters.

The report on correspondence was read by the Grand Secretary, H. A. Guild, and is printed with the proceedings.

Fifty dollars was allowed the Grand Matron for expenses, twenty-five of which she receives in advance.

On the first evening of the Grand Chapter, after it was called off the members and visitors were banqueted in the dining-hall as the guests of Vesta Chapter.

The Grand officers were installed by the retiring Grand Matron, Sister Billings, as follows:

Mrs. Anna E. Musselman, Grand Matron, Osceola.

Dr. H. A. Turton, Grand Patron, Lexington.

Mrs. Phebe Allen, Associate Grand Matron, Kearney.

Daniel F. Osgood, Associate Grand Patron, Lincoln.

Rev. Henry A. Guild, Grand Secretary, Lincoln.

Edwin Davis, Grand Treasurer, Omaha.

Mrs. Minnie H. Crites, Grand Chaplain, Chadron.

Mrs. Emily M. Davis, Grand Marshal, Gibbon.

Mrs. Louise M. Merrill, Grand Lectress, St. Paul.

Mrs. Olive J. Whitney, Grand Conductress, Superior.

Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh, Associate Grand Conductress, Omaha.

Mrs. E. Gallup, Grand Adah, Norfolk.

Mrs. Theda M. Coolidge, Grand Ruth, Columbus.

Mrs. Emma Ormsby, Grand Esther, North Platte.

Miss Minnie F. Davis, Grand Martha, Beatrice.

Miss Althea B. Roberts, Grand Electa, Rising City.

Mrs. Mattie Heywood, Grand Warder, South Omaha.

John C. Merrill, Grand Sentinel, Sutton.

Mrs. Addie M. Billings, Grand Organist, Geneva.

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MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. G. Sec.,

Chicago, Illinois.

MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK, R. W. G. Treas.,

Anamosa, Iowa.

Several of Queen Esther members are tak-  
ing in the sights at the White City.The Grand Secretaries will accept thanks  
for the proceedings of Minnesota and Ne-  
braska for 1893.Sister Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary, will  
be "at home" to callers at Eastern Star Head-  
quarters at the White City each day here-  
after from 1 p. m.The annual re-union of the Chapters in  
that locality will be held at Centre, August  
31. Sister Nettie Ransford has been invited  
to give the address for that day.We have been obliged to abridge some  
communications, and leave out entirely from  
this issue some others, which we regret but  
will give them first place in our next.The sisters will please bear in mind that  
communications and items to insure inser-  
tion, should reach us by the 20th of each  
month. Remember, that after reaching here  
it must be made ready for the paper.The annual meeting of the Grand Chapter  
of Iowa has been postponed from the last  
week in September, to the 11th and 12th of  
October. It was impossible to obtain accom-  
modations for the former date in Newton,where it is to meet, so the change of date  
was made necessary.Sister Inez J. Bender, editor of "The Sig-  
net," was recently bereaved of her husband,  
after an illness of some weeks. To our sister  
and co-worker we extend loving sympathy,  
and trust that through a rift in the clouds  
may gleam upon her shadowed pathway, the  
light of the Star of Bethlehem.The question of arranging for a place where  
the members of the City Chapters can be  
"at home" to callers during the week of the  
Encampment, G. A. R., is being considered,  
and it is to be hoped that something of this  
kind may be done. Many who attend the  
Convention, W. R. C., are also members of  
our Order, and this hospitality will be greatly  
appreciated, and pleasure given to both those  
who call and those who receive.Just as we go to press there comes an in-  
teresting article from Sister Little of Massa-  
chusetts correcting the impression which was  
given through an editorial in the July num-  
ber. The misapprehension occurs because  
of the use of the words "Presiding officer,"  
instead of Executive officer. In Massachu-  
setts the Grand Matron is the presiding offi-  
cer, but during the vacation the executive  
duties are vested in the Grand Patron.Our subscribers will please bear in mind  
that even though the weather be hot our  
work must go on as usual, and the bills must  
be met just the same. While one dollar  
seems a small thing and the delay in sending  
it can not cause inconvenience, when sev-  
eral small amounts are delayed it means in-  
convenience. Remember it was the little  
that Ruth gathered which gladdened the  
heart of Naomi. By the "here a little and  
there a little" she was able to maintain her-  
self and the aged mother-in-law.One of the most prevalent disorders inci-  
dent to hot weather is carelessness. In per-  
forming whatever duty awaits our hands it  
seems so much easier, and certainly accords  
with one's inclination much better to either  
half do, or leave undone the thing we ought  
to do. Nowhere does this spirit find a better  
field for operating than in the Chapter-room.  
The custom of taking vacations has nothing  
to commend it, while the weight of argu-  
ment is entirely opposed. If this be not done,  
too often the opening is delayed beyond the  
hour stated in the By-Laws. Perhaps the  
opening ceremony is so abridged that the  
beauty and impressiveness is lost; the busi-  
ness is indifferently gone through with and  
the Chapter closed without an opportunity  
for an exchange of the handclasp or word of  
greeting. This manifest lack of interest be-  
gets non-attendance and the legion of dis-  
orders that follow in its footsteps. As first  
impressions are permanent and should be for  
good" beware how you allow the Chapter ofwhich you are an officer or member to drop  
into ways that lead to failure.

One of the most difficult things to impress  
upon the minds of the members of our Or-  
der is that the ballot "must be inviolably se-  
cret, without debate, and no inquiry per-  
mitted, or statement made as to the charac-  
ter of any one's vote." Much unpleasantness  
is engendered by an utter neglect of the ob-  
servance to this law. No member has a right  
to say that either they did, or they did not de-  
posit a white ball; nor has any the right to  
assume how another member voted. All  
who petition for membership understand, or  
ought to, that the question of their admission  
depends upon the wish of the members who  
have an undisputed right to say by their vote  
who shall and who shall not join. The fact  
that a petitioner is rejected is no evidence that  
they are unworthy. It simply evidences the  
fact that some member did not desire them  
as members. Very naturally those who rec-  
ommend or the friends of a petitioner feel  
chagrined and regret the, to them, unpleas-  
ant result of the ballot. But to allow the re-  
gret to be displayed by accusing another of  
depositing the objectionable ball is unbecom-  
ing and unlawful. Each member must for her-  
self or himself be the judge of their own act  
in this instance, letting their conscience share  
with their prejudices in deciding whether the  
ballot shall be affirmative or negative. Should  
the members so forget their duty as to enter  
upon a discussion of the result of a vote on  
admission to membership, the presiding offi-  
cer should promptly call the offender to or-  
der, the law should be strictly enforced. It is  
to be hoped that members will not so far for-  
get themselves as to allow a personal matter  
alone, to influence them in voting adversely to  
a petition, but it is to be enforced that no  
member accuse another of so doing.

## GREETING FROM THE WHITE CITY.

I can not let your paper go to press without  
sending you a greeting from the Eastern Star  
corner at the "White City."

Among the prominent members of the Or-  
der who have registered since I wrote you,  
we find Mrs. E. J. Scott, Past Grand Matron  
of Nebraska; Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, Past  
Most Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. A. V. Hun-  
ter, Past Grand Matron of Indiana; Mrs. R. E.  
Chesney, Mrs. Mary A. Buck, Mrs. Carrie O.  
Getty and Mrs. Myra Mottram, all Past Grand  
Matrons of Kansas; John R. Parsons, Past  
Grand Patron of Missouri; Mrs. Sallie E. Dil-  
lon, Past Grand Matron and present Grand  
Secretary; Mrs. Jane F. Cozine and Mrs.  
Jennie A. Walker, Past Grand Matrons of  
Illinois. (Headquarters have been enlivened  
quite frequently by flowers presented by Sis-  
ter Walker, for which we extend grateful  
thanks.) Bro. J. J. Holland, Past Grand Pa-  
tron of Ark.; Bro. Gray, Past Grand Patron  
of California; Mrs. Aldrich, Past Asso. Grand  
Matron of Minnesota and State Commissioner.



One of the most welcome and enthusiastic was Hon. Robt. A. Miller, Past Grand Patron of Oregon. He was returning from Washington to his home in Jacksonville and bears the honor of an appointment from the President with becoming modesty.

I have counted visitors from eight different States at the same time exchanging pleasant greeting.

The picture from Nebraska which has occupied a prominent position in the Nebraska State Building, has been removed to our Headquarters by request of prominent members from that State.

The window was put in place before the 1st of July. A gentleman from Newark, N. J., who seemed to be a competent judge, said "The window which is from Holman Hunt's 'Light of the World,' is the grandest piece of Mosaic work on the grounds" and apologized for returning the second time to see it.

Chapters in Chicago and vicinity have furnished handsome banners for decorations, and when all are in place I think I'll telephone the photographer.

The most interesting part, to me, comes in August and September, when the Chapters in the first district will be "at home" at Eastern Star corner in the Woman's Building, Organization Room, one day each from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Queen Esther Chapter will be "at home" August 8. Mrs. Nellie Sheffield, W. M., and Mrs. Agnes M. Brown, A. M., will act as hostesses. Invitations have been sent to the following chapters:

Miriam, August 10, Mrs. W. R. Elwell, W. M.; Lady Washington, August 14, Mrs. Nellie Monroe, W. M.; Butler, August 16, Mrs. J. VanNest, W. M.; Rising Sun, August 21, Mrs. Mary Lake, W. M.; Maple, August 23, Mrs. Hattie Gross, W. M.; Lady Garfield, August 24, Mrs. Rose Fair, W. M.; Siloam, August 28, Mrs. Anna Sherrard, W. M.; Lake View, August 30, Mrs. Martha Price, W. M.; Chicago, August 31, Mrs. E. J. Aubrey, W. M.

During September the Chapters will be invited as they number on our records.

Prof. Albert Gomez Ruano, one of the Uruguay Commissioners and Signora Fanny Zampini Salazar, an Italian author of considerable prominence, have become very much interested in our Order, and I hope it will result in the introduction of the Eastern Star in their native countries.

Several pieces of furniture are already sold for full value, to be delivered at the close of the Fair. This gives me encouragement, and I thank the kind friends who see the need and come to my relief. General interest continues and the burdens become lighter as I meet the sisters and brothers who so generously deal out the kind words of commendation.

The dear old Stars and Stripes, which were canopied over the entrance on the 4th of July, seem to harmonize with all the enthusiasm of the native American. We have about decided to leave our colors waving.

One of the most admired articles of decor-

ation at our corner, is a panel of wood statuary furnished by our esteemed Grand Patron, Wm. H. Bartels, of Carthage. He furnished the Governor's suite of rooms in the Illinois State Building from his own home, and all should see it to appreciate it.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,  
R. W. G. Sec.

For The Eastern Star.

#### A GLIMPSE OF THE WHITE CITY.

There may be places more beautiful but I doubt it, and I would not miss it for anything. In the first place you must go into the city and take the boat, getting the first impression of what has been so well termed "Dream City," from the watery highway. You begin to be enthusiastic as soon as some one's keen eyes discover the Ferris wheel, of which we have all heard so much talk. But soon those exquisite buildings loom up and the peristyle at the lake landing claims all your attention.

Words can not describe, nor pictures in any adequate measure convey the beauty of these buildings with the lagoons interspersed, making in all a scene we might have expected in fairyland, therefore all the more to be appreciated in this work-a-day world. This idea of the water's winding in and out certainly adds immeasurably to the beauty of the whole.

Then go on to the Administration building and from the gallery above get the beautiful views that can be seen from any side of the building, lagoons with the fountains and statues and Lake Michigan beyond. That view, with a trip about the lagoons in one of the delightful electric launches, particularly if taken at twilight, is worth going for, should one be unable to do nothing more. Then it is the more to be appreciated since it is in a measure kaleidoscopic, for in a comparatively short time those glorious triumphs of architecture will be no more. The one regret you feel in seeing this is that it is all perishable, and how stupendous an undertaking for so short a period. Here is proof positive that we are a great nation.

But we must not linger so long here with so much to do elsewhere. One must wander off now in whatever direction his inclinations and his guide-book may lead him, confident of being safe with the Columbian guards at every hand, always courteous and kind in giving any information you may ask. It is well to plan seeing what there is at hand, doing buildings in groups, so as not to waste strength and there is so much of interest in each and every one.

The Transportation building is the only one done in color, having red for the background, with polychrome decorations and its beautiful golden doorway. Here one could constantly run across exhibits of interest oftentimes unexpectedly so that you experience some of the pleasurable sensations of an explorer. A real gondola with its funereal trappings has made my vision of Venice change. Daniel Webster's carriage and President Polk's make us realize our advancement in

that line. The early train of cars suggests a procession of antiquated hacks that might have become petrified and chained together.

The Electricity building, where the telautograph does away with the worn-out joke on the telegram, "Why, that don't look like so-and-so's writing," and countless other wonders can be given quantities of time and attention. Likewise Machinery Hall, Government building and, in fact, to make a long story short, each one of the fourteen. The Fisheries is particularly beautiful as to architecture, it is so gracefully built and with its red roof is very picturesque. The Manufactures and Liberal Arts probably contains more of interest to the majority than any other one building. The French exhibit here is particularly fine, makes evident the perfect taste as a nation. The Fine Arts one could spend a lifetime in enjoying and I think the average observer will wish he were more competent of judging these works. We are very ignorant of art as a whole—there is so little art gossip. This might prove a popular mode of educating the people generally, just as the newspaper jottings keep us posted in a measure with authors and their children.

The Foreign and State buildings with visits to the convent Rabida, where the Columbian relics are displayed, to the Krupp gun, and the war vessel, will all take more or less time and will be more or less interesting as your tastes may run.

And now the Plaisance. Here is where we need a well-filled purse and lots of good nature. Here the consequence cannot fail to be a good time. This gives a very good idea of the foreign nations represented, each village evidently striving to make their representation true to life. The streets of Cairo are probably the most popular of all. There is so much life here—the camel-riders and donkey-racers make the pedestrian's life as uncertain as if there were a number of our cyclists abroad. This camel-riding is great fun, never until you sit on him can you recognize how plaited are a camel's legs. The conjurer drums up customers by running about the streets miraculously holding an egg on his eyelid and one under his ear. Your silhouette will be cut by a native artist; your fortune told; oriental wares of all sorts can be bought, also flowers. Theaters and temples can be visited. That should be the one place visited, if there is a limit to the number of attractions one can see here in the sideshow. It is a real novelty and an active imagination might delude you into thinking you were near the Nile. Here the Ferris wheel can be seen to "go round" and even the most nervous need not be fearful, the sensation is not in the least frightful. The more courageous can go up in a balloon—or could until the wind grew jealous of having its territory invaded when it swooped down on its invader and destroyed it.

Altogether we can conclude with the words of the showman, "Don't miss it."

L. D. R.

## GLEANINGS.

## COLORADO.

At a regular meeting of Garden City Chapter, Greeley, June 13, a tribute of regard was offered in memory of Mrs. Grace E. Murray. Garden City Chapter has sustained a loss of one the brightest and most beloved members, and resolved that in said death it is only a just tribute to her memory to say that she was universally admired, and her presence brought sunshine and every deed pleasure. Sympathy was extended to the husband and parents of this noble sister.

June 13 Garden City Chapter, Greeley, drafted suitable resolutions in memory of Sister Mary A. Rowe, and feel that in her death they have sustained a loss in their chapter, and those nearer and dearer a heavier loss. They mourn for one who was in every way worthy of their respect and regard. Sympathy was extended to the family reminding them that her most valuable heirlooms are the high qualities and esteem by which she was held by her friends and acquaintances.

B.

Radiant Chapter, Denver, met July 13, the first meeting since their charter was granted by the Grand Chapter. About seventy-five members and visitors were present. The chapter was constituted and officers installed by Sister Rachel Lambert, W.M., of Queen City Chapter, Dep. of the G. M., assisted by Sister Jennie P. Dawson, G. Mar. The following officers were installed: Katharine J. Wright, W. M.; Wm. D. Peirce, W. P.; Areta Depew, A. M.; Lizzie S. Norbury, Sec.; M. E. Hamilton, Treas.; Mary E. Pierce, Con.; Estella Kramer, Asso. Con.; Wm. D. Wright, Chap.; Martha J. Cranmer, Mar.; Jessie B. Hitchcock, A.; Rose Willets, R.; Ida Duncan, E.; Sophia Campbell, M.; Cynthia J. Simpson, E.; Belle H. Toy, War.; Bro. W. W. Quinn, Sen.; Eva Quereau, Org. Sister Anna E. Potter, P. M. of Queen City Chapter, now of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sister Siberly, P. M. of Orient Chapter, Brooklyn, N. Y., were present and favored us with appropriate remarks. After installation, considerable routine business was transacted, several petitions for membership were received and half a dozen candidates elected to receive the degrees. Thus you see Radiant starts on her career as a full-fledged chapter, under most auspicious skies. May no dark clouds of discord ever obstruct her effulgent sunshine of prosperity. H.A.B.

IOWA.

H. S. Winslow, G. P., has completed his work on the new constitution, and it will be submitted at the session of the Grand Chapter, October 11.

Maria Jackson, G. M., constituted her eighteenth chapter for the present year July 13, at Earlville, naming it Acacia. It promises to be a very strong chapter.

Among the June weddings is noted that of

Bertha Tubbs, a member of Emerson Chapter. The groom is Prof. O. R. Patrick. The wedding was brilliant and largely attended. The Order was represented by Maria Jackson, G. M., and Sister and Bro. Houghton of Red Oak.

July 15 Central Chapter, Marshalltown, met in special session with the G. M. present. A heavy storm and intense heat prevented a very large attendance, but the work was exemplified very creditably, after which a general talk and social good time was indulged in, with cake and ice cream as assistants thereto.

Excelsior Chapter, Charles City, is making a notable growth. In June nine members were received, and several petitions are on file. Arrangements are being made for a grand picnic the last of July, and the steamer Geneva has been chartered to take the party up the river. The chapter now numbers nearly one hundred members, and does most excellent work.

July 13 after a lovely ten mile drive from Manchester, the G. M. accompanied and assisted by Asso. G. M. Carhart, and a full corps of officers from Orient Chapter, organized Acacia Chapter, Earlville. The work was exemplified in very fine style by Orient Chapter, after which the ladies of Acacia Chapter proved that they needed no instruction in the art of spreading a banquet. Mrs. A. L. Bush, W. M.; W. W. Matthews, W. P.; Albert Currie, Sec.

July 12 the G. M. met with Orient Chapter, Manchester. There was a good attendance and the work excellently rendered. A cordial address of welcome was given by Sister Hawley, Sec., and a banquet was afterwards served in the dining room. Orient is one of the largest chapters in the State and possesses many very bright members, with an excellent corps of officers. Sister Jones having resigned the office of W. M., Sister Sherman was elected and installed to fill her position; the G. M. being the installing officer and Sister Carhart, Asso. G. M., acting as G. Mar.

July 10 Walker Chapter, Walker held a special session to meet the Grand Matron and exemplify the work. This was done very creditably, although some rituals were visible. Walker Chapter has suffered quite a loss in the removal from the State of their W. M. and Sec., Sister and Brother Swafford, but they possess good material with which to supply their places. After the work was concluded, refreshments and a general social time was enjoyed. The next day, after an eighteen mile drive across the country, the G. M. met with Linn Chapter, Central City. This unfortunately is not in a very flourishing condition, a good many members have moved away, but there are still a faithful few who keep the chapter going and there is a prospect of further additions. The G. M. gave them all the encouragement she could and all present joined in hoping for a more successful chapter in the future.

July 8 was a gala day for the O. E. S. in Waterloo; it was the Eastern Star day at the Chautauqua. Invitations had been sent out to all the chapters in the State, and many of them responded by sending large delegations, who arrived at the beautiful Cedar River Park, where the Chautauqua is held, in buses and steamers all the morning. At noon a bountiful repast was enjoyed, after which the members and friends repaired to the amphitheatre to listen to an excellent program. Mrs. Mate Parrott gave the address of welcome; Maria Jackson, G. M., the Eastern Star address and Rev. J. W. Geiger the address on Masonry. In the morning Frank Beard gave his inimitable chalk talk, and in the evening Prof. Robt. Nourse delighted his audience with his lecture on Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Waterloo Chapter received many congratulations on the success of the reunion, and well they were deserved. Although only organized last March with thirty members, they now number ninety-six, and a brighter galaxy of Stars would be hard to find. Much of their success is due to the untiring efforts of their efficient Worthy Matron, Mrs. A. Breckner, and her admirable corps of officers.

## INDIANA.

Queen Esther Chapter at its last meeting enjoyed the presence of its W. M.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held a very enjoyable social at the residence of Sister Barnes.

Guiding Star Chapter, Lawrenceburg, is raising \$100 for shares in the Masonic Temple now being erected.

Scottsburg Chapter is doing well. It has initiated thirty-one since January 1, and have thirteen more waiting initiation. F. M. D.

Queen Esther's annual picnic was held at Fairview July 13, and while the attendance was not large, the enjoyment was all that need be desired.

Wm. M. Black Chapter, Brazil, is getting along nicely. There were four initiations at a recent meeting. The chapter has lately purchased membership badges and is on the road to success.

The officers of Noble Chapter, Kendallville, were installed by Sister Carrie M. Fanning on May 29, after which the degrees were conferred upon three candidates. Noble Chapter is a fine chapter; the officers are proficient in their work.

On the evening of July 21 Wm. M. Black Chapter, Brazil, with their families and invited guests held a very pleasant social in the Masonic hall. Recitations and songs were rendered by the children, volunteer speeches by members. The chapter served ice cream and cake; the W. M. treated all present with candy. This chapter is being strengthened by the addition of some of the best Masons and their wives of the city. There are now nine petitions ready for initiations, with fair prospect for more.

Last winter South Bend Chapter set apart



the third Wednesday in June for a memorial day to commemorate all the deceased brothers and sisters. Consequently on June 21, a goodly number met at the Masonic Hall at 3:30 in the afternoon. At 4 o'clock they went to the cemetery and decorated the graves of the departed ones with flowers. In the evening the members and many visitors met at the hall and held memorial services. The meeting was conducted by Mollie E. Kelley, W. M., assisted by John T. Kelley, W. P. An excellent program was given, after which the impressive ceremony of filling the Floral Star by the officers.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, held its annual picnic July 12 at Oak Grove, on the banks of Sugar river. We took a load of camp chairs, hammocks and good things to eat and spent a lovely day. The drive home was very pleasant. Sister Drake, of Pasadena, Cal., was with us. The regular meeting was held July 13, at which Sister Drake was present and gave us a talk on the way they did in California. Five petitioners await the degrees. We have been called the banner chapter of the State in the number of brethren and the interest they take in the work. Every Mason whose wife is a member also belongs. I do not think any other Chapter can claim that. It is one cause of our prosperity, the brothers are with us in all good things we undertake. M.

Clinton Chapter, Frankfort, held a Chapter of Sorrow in memory of its dead, and inscribed are the names of those held in loving remembrance: Miss Bell Shafer, Mrs. Rebecca Pierce, Moses DeCamp, Mrs. Lillie Fennell, Peter Fetter, Miss May McGuire, Enos Hoover, Robert Sims, John Loftin, Robert Bracken, Miss Maggie Palmer, Miss Minnie Stetler. The W. P. made some touching remarks in memory of the dead, stating how sincerely we mourned their loss and how devoted they were to the chapter, their willingness to take up the burden of life and to assist their sisters and brothers in the active duties of the Order they so dearly loved. We, as an Order, mourn for them as dead to us here but rejoice to know they have gone where death never comes and where the links of our Fraternal chain are never broken in that home not made with hands eternal in the heavens. There was a large attendance and all present expressed themselves as being well pleased with the manner in which the work was rendered. The officers did well for so short a time in which to prepare. At the stated meeting June 28, the chapter called off until the second stated meeting in September. In spite of the extreme heat quite a number were present. Cream and cake were served and voted a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. Ella Stangland of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, Kansas, was present. H. A.

## ILLINOIS.

The members of Ola Chapter, Mt. Carroll presented their retiring Matron, Mrs. Zella Belding Davis, with a handsome solid silver

tea set June 21. After spending a few weeks with her husband at their new home at Burlington, Wis., she will visit at Turner with her parents.

Paris Chapter celebrated July 4 with a picnic at the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Clark, near Edgar. The grounds were handsomely decorated in the red, white and blue, and set with games of croquet, lawn tennis, etc. Some of the guests came in carriages decorated with flags, others came on the trains, and when noontime came about 100 people were present and heartily enjoyed the dinner. Ice cream, melons, and lemonade were served at intervals during the afternoon. A typical 4th of July celebration occupied the afternoon. Bro. J. E. Dyas was marshal of the day; Bro. O. McK. Moke was orator and Bro. A. Y. Trogon read the Declaration of Independence. Then there were speeches by members, and music by the assembled multitudes; and everybody enjoyed the day thoroughly. J. T.

Chicago Chapter had a euchre party in their hall June 16. A very pleasant time was had by all who attended. Sister Aubray, W. M., furnished the prizes, Mrs. Rich winning the lady's prize and Dr. Bliler, the gentleman's. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, and a neat little sum was made for the treasury.

By invitation, June 17, I officially visited Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago. A large number of their members and visitors filled their magnificent room. Eleven candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner. The chapter is to be congratulated in having very efficient officers. Mrs. Nellie Sheffield, W. M., although having the care and anxiety of a sick husband, has been faithful to her duties in the Chapter. Bro. Brown, W. P., is very impressive in his work, and all rituals are abolished. Mrs. Owens, P. G. M. of California, was present, also Sister Chester, G. Con. and Sister Brown G. E. of Pano. Due courtesy was shown all. During the obligation Sisters McClellan and Sanborn added greatly to the solemnity of the occasion by rendering a guitar duet, "Abide with me." As usual Queen Esther was very lavish with flowers. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to me by the Asso. M., Sister Brown. The Con. and A. Con., presenting the other Grand Officers with beautiful bouquets. After the chapter was closed the Floral work was given in a very beautiful manner; they having adopted Sister Zella Davis' tactics, and it was a beautiful sight to see the officers in their beautiful robes, forming stars, triangles, crosses and the O. E. S.

LIZZIE U. WINSHIP, D. G. M. 1st Dist.

You will pardon me I trust, if I tell you how the chapters in the first district conspired with my own July 15, my birthday, to make it one of pleasure. The day was beautiful from sunrise to sunset, and the evening was one that will bring joy to my heart so long as memory and life shall last. This was

the first time that the regular meeting fell on my natal day. I invited everybody who called, and I suppose you think I did not tell them how old I was, but I did. Then I mistrust that Mrs. Bradley let every body into the secret but me. We left the "White City" about 6 o'clock, dined and reached the Temple a little late. The chapter-room was well-filled. We sat down by the door, scarcely noticed in the crowd that were assembled. Mrs. O'Connor, our Asso. C., came quietly and laid a bouquet of roses in our lap, wishing us many returns of the day. Mrs. Nellie Sheffield, W. M., after due ceremony, declared the chapter open. Distinguished visitors were conducted to the East, and were Mrs. Brown, G. M., S. Dak.; Mrs. Walker, P. G. M., Ills.; Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Dillon, P. G. Ms. of Mo.; John H. Gray, P. G. P., Cal.; Mary G. Foster, W. M., Ivy Chapter, San Francisco, and others. Mrs. Chester, G. Con., Illinois, and I were also seated with the visitors. Everybody was there it seemed to me, and I felt that something was really going to happen. Mrs. Walker was called upon for remarks and she seemed glad of the opportunity, but asked the privilege of addressing her remarks to Sister Pitkin. She said the chapters in the first district had assembled to honor by birthday and presented me with a beautiful Past Most Worthy Grand Matron's jewel. The centre is a large and brilliant diamond, and the points of the star are filled with appropriate colors, sapphires, topaz, pearls, emeralds and rubies. The star is within a delicate gold pentagon, the same being surrounded by a circle of gold. Upon the bar is the crown and scepter with a diamond setting. Between the bar and star are suspended crossed gavels. The kind words that fell from the sister's lips reached willing ears. As she recounted the symbolic lessons taught in the colors and arrangement of this beautiful badge, she made me feel humble indeed. To merit continued confidence will be my study, and to perform faithfully whatever duty falls to my lot will be my constant aim. Sister Walker was taken by surprise, and presented a lovely basket of flowers, by the W. M., and a hand-painted Bon-Bon box as a souvenir of May 16, 1893. Mrs. Agnes M. Brown, Asso. M., advanced to where we were sitting and addressed to me kindly words of affection. She said Queen Esther Chapter had reached the charming age of sweet sixteen, and while my children might at times be rebellious and refractory, deserving chastisement, they always loved the Mother better after, and the Mother always loved the children just the same, and in the most charming language and manner asked me to accept a basket of beautiful flowers with their love. Queen Esther Chapter was organized July 17, 1877, and I served as W. M. for 18 months, hence the title, Mother. All this following so closely upon May 16, a day which was perfect in points of success and general satisfaction; a day wherein not even a shadow of disappointment appeared

in its entirety, I am reminded that "nothing succeeds like success", and that with earnestness of purpose, fealty to the order, I would push upward and onward, endeavoring in my feeble way to meet the generous treatment showered upon me from every direction by kind friends and faithful co-workers. I desire to thank all who have so kindly sent me full and unrestrained expressions of confidence in the plan for Eastern Star Headquarters. It takes courage and perseverance to appeal to 1500 chapters for money to maintain anything. Some criticism have been passed, that I have not replied to, and shall not. Eastern Star Corner will be kept open while the World Fair last, and for one purpose only: that for the comfort and information of members of the Order, and their friends and all visitors. Somewhere we have read "That words spoken are but air, but when written they become things." There has been times the last few months that these letters have given me courage and strength to carry out my original intentions. Early in March when I sent out notices of having secured space at the "White City," Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger wrote me that her chapter of Terre Haute, Ind., would be glad to furnish some handsome decorations. I was some time getting settled; one day I was sure of "wall space" and the next I was doubtful, and it was a matter of regret that I could not accept the offer so kindly and earnestly made. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Wheeler, Director General of the Woman's Building, Mrs. Turner of Texas, and Mrs. Gillispie, of Tennessee, all members of the Board of Lady Managers, we were finally assigned space in the corner, where we could place the Kansas Historical Picture. We have the most desirable location in the Organization Room. When this was secured "wall space" was reserved, in our minds, for the decorations from Terre Haute. We covered the wall to enhance the appearance of Eastern Star Corner, and by the time this reaches your readers, the decorations from Terre Haute will be in place, and any visitor will readily know from whence comes the banner on the left. Queen Esther Chapter kindly tendered to me their hall in the Temple to give a reception to the Masons assembled at the Masonic Congress, but as the time is short, I think we will defer the matter and give it during the Consistory meeting the third week in September. L. J. P.

## KANSAS.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, held its regular meeting July 4, but owing to the grand music and fireworks' display outside, we could not stand the temptation of mingling with the pleasures that only the Fourth can bring, so we opened and closed the chapter, transacting but very little business. Several visitors were present from Iola, and we had in our city a lady who was the first Worthy Matron of the first chapter organized in Wisconsin. I did not meet her, but hope she will give us

another call when our city is not so full of music. The Grand Matron dropped in on me for one night July 11, enroute to attend a special meeting at Pleasanton on the 12th. From there she went to Mound City to be present at a regular meeting on the evening of the 13th. I regret that she found me quite sick, as I had hoped to go with her. She is very enthusiastic in our work and I feel she will do all in her power to bring an order up to what we desire it to be during the year. I had the pleasure of entertaining two sisters of Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, Sister Nellie Sharp, who is their A. C. She is a bright and faithful worker in her chapter and I hope to have her come often and see me. She has been the guest of Sister Bennet's family of Kansas City for the past two weeks. We hope to have a full attendance at our next meeting and to have some of our old members with us and will try to make all have a good time, as we only meet once a month. We do not close for the heated seasons, but make up in a good time for the extra exertions of getting out. We extend a cordial invitation to any brother or sister who may be in our city on the first Tuesdays of each month, to come and see us and we will always make them welcome. J. M. P.

## MAINE.

Ruth Chapter was organized at Springvale, July 14, by Dr. A. H. Burroughs, G. P. They start with thirty-one members, all of which are very enthusiastic. Mrs. Clara V. Smith, W. M., Herbert Smith, W. P.; Miss Susie E. Frost, Asso. M.; Frank H. Dexter, Sec.

## MISSOURI.

If the Order of the Eastern Star continues to grow in popularity in Kansas City, Harmony Chapter will be forced to hold its convocations on the fair grounds. June 26 over 200 packed themselves like sardines in the great Masonic sweat box in Ridge Block to witness the exemplification of the Floral Work, with some frills added in the way of drill work, which consisted of the forming of crosses, the letters O. E. S., etc. The ladies who executed the "scallops" were each dressed in white, with angel wings of Buff Cochin on their shoulders and flower gardens in their right hands. The work was executed in a splendid manner; Rev. Bro. Smith made an eloquent speech over it, and even Dr. Kuhn, who did the "circular" work on the organ, confessed that should he ever be called upon to help the Eastern Star, he would "freely contribute, so far as his necessities required and their ability permit!" At the close of the exercises W. C. T. U. punch was served to the thirsty multitude. SARAH JANE.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Monday evening June 19 Mizpah Chapter, Marlborough, received invited guests from Ashland, Hopkinton, Maynard and Westboro. Adams F. Brown, the newly elected G. P., coming with his chapter from the latter place. After the first welcome the work was exemplified by initiation of candidates.

Every officer doing almost perfect work. The rituals are never allowed in the chapter during initiation ceremonies. The Floral work was beautifully illustrated by young girls, the youngest members of the chapter. After these exercises all present, (to the number of nearly two hundred) wended their way most willingly to the banquet hall, where the tables were laid with dainty viands, appropriate to the hot summer evening. After supper, speeches, representing all of the chapters present, occupied the hours until midnight. All seemed loth to separate, for vacation time has come, and the chapter doors are to close upon the merry throng until next September. Since the last summer vacation, Mizpah Chapter has done much good work and many candidates have been initiated. Within a few months a dollar mutual aid has been started in the chapter. It is hoped that the fund in time will include all of the two hundred and sixty members of Mizpah Chapter. E. J. B.

## NEBRASKA.

Signet Chapter, North Platte, was organized May 19, 1892, with twenty-seven charter members. Grand Chapter met June 14; so soon that we did not apply for charter. During last year we initiated 33—second largest number initiated in the State. Emma Ormsby, W. M., and Anna M. Hall, Asso. M., attended Grand Chapter and received charter. Emma Ormsby was appointed G. Esther. Bro. Hamilton being deputized by Dr. H. A. Turton, G. P., to institute the chapter at last regular meeting, did so and the officers were elected and Thursday, July 13, they were installed by the G. P. Dawson Chapter was invited and a banquet given. On the evening of July 7 while in the absence of the W. M.; her home was taken possession of by the ladies of the Chapter; the surprise being complete on her return home. They presented her with a beautiful silver, gold-lined, finger-bowl and plate inscribed, as a token of appreciation of her efforts since the organization of the Chapter. She will soon depart for Colorado Springs, where her husband has gone for his health. We are very proud of our chapter and may the good work go on.

## OHIO.

Ada Chapter is neither dead nor sleeping, though she has not spoken through this little journal for some months past. She has been the means of establishing thus far this year, two chapters—the last one on the 2nd of May at Mansfield. The work was done by C. H. Osborn, G. P., Linda J. Lowry, A. G. M. and Sallie Watt, Asso. Con. of Ada Chapter. Mrs. J. A. Hawkins is W. M. of this Chapter and it promises to be a model chapter. This chapter and Trinity of Lima, which was organized Dec. 7, are all that have been organized this year, yet it is hoped that a score or more will yet be numbered in the Ohio galaxy. It is an acknowledged fact that among all the different organizations in this little city, if there is any one who has a good



time it is the Masons and the Eastern Star. Three petitions were received at the last meeting of Ada. Among the many social entertainments was a reception given to the member last year in June at the home of Sister Lowry, who was then W. M.; this year, also in June, a very enjoyable reception was tendered the members by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, on the occasion of their 26th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Young is the chief executive of the Order; their beautiful, cozy and well-furnished home was profusely decorated with flowers. The lace curtains entwined with vines as fine as the lace itself, and a piece of statuary surmounted by a basket of living plants and in it and on the center table large vases, filled with long-stemmed white lillies, whose perfume filled every nook. The parlor was in white. The library with its walnut varnished woodwork, was in red, pink and white roses, making a lovely contrast. The double dining-room was in blue and yellow pansies and nasturtiums in one, white and red carnations in the other. The company was jolly and the supper elegant. As tokens of esteem many individual and collective presents of china, silver and glass, as well as some pieces of elegant parlor furnishings were left. As these were wholly unlooked for, the recipients were dumbfounded when Prof. Darst, W. Master of Blue Lodge F. & A. M., presented them in one of his well-worded addresses. S. B. Wagner, W. P., presided over the tables. It was indeed a happy affair, as the guests strolled about the piazza and the lawn beneath the electric lights. When the hour for departure drew near Mrs. Darst was called to the piano, while Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Amos and Mrs. Millette sang "Blest be the tie that binds" and "God be with you till we meet again," all present joining in the chorus, and wishing for this sister and brother many more years of happy life, each bade them good-night, knowing that all were bound by a tie that was nearer than that of merely a neighbor and a citizen, and when these links of our golden chain are broken, may they be welded by a stronger than human hand. Among the guests was one whom all rejoiced to take again by the hand, and to know that she was again able to meet the members of the Order, Mrs. Jennie Rice, though not yet strong, is on the road to recovery, after being confined to her home for nearly a year. All hope she may again lead many through the mazy labyrinth. She was the first Con. of Ada and a charter member; her husband being W. P. last year. She served over two years and was obliged to resign on account of failing health. The Eastern Star and their families had a royal good time at Crystal Lake July 4. A good crowd, an abundance of provender and a delightful resort contributed to make it a memorable occasion.

A. G. M.

TEXAS.

Gate City Chapter, Denison, is rapidly increasing under the authority of the Worthy

Matron, Mrs. Maria Sherburn. Quite a number have been initiated this year. On the night of the first meeting in June three candidates were initiated, after which the Floral March was given by the officers in their respective robes of appropriate color, and it was voted a grand success. It is the intention of the chapter to give the Floral Work with the marches publicly on Festival day, August 31. After the work all repaired to the banquet-room, where cream and cake were served at five tables so arranged as to form the emblematic star. Sister Clark, a Grand Officer from Durant, Ind. Ter., was present and invited to the East. Miss Maggie Simmons, of Missouri, and a lady from Parsons, Kansas, were also visitors. Several candidates await the conferring of degrees.

D. M.

Fern Chapter, Kountze was organized by Mary J. Scott Underhill, D. D. G. M., with fifty-two petitioners. The promise for this chapter is very bright and the meeting at the time of organization was especially pleasant. The hospitality and courtesy extended Sister Underhill and her assistants evidenced that of one of the virtues taught in the degrees, of our Order, they possessed a large share. May to this be added more and more until the principles of the Order may shine with undiminished lustre through our lives. Mattie Cruse, W. M.; W. H. Turner, W. P.; Emma Allums, A. M.

Ransford Chapter, Houston, met July 6 and despite the excessive heat there was a good attendance. Two candidates were initiated and two petitions received. Plans for entertaining Grand Chapter, which will hold its annual meeting at Houston, were formulated. Observance of memorial day was also arranged for. Refreshments were served at the close of the chapter and the time pleasantly spent until the "last car" called the company to a realization of home. Sister Underhill is W. M. of this chapter and she has changed her place of residence to Beaumont. In her enforced absence Sister Annie McElroy, Asso. M., serves as W. M. very efficiently. The W. P. also is untiring in his efforts for the advancement of the work and the "good of the Order." We hope some day to see him occupy a more exalted position in our Order.

WASHINGTON.

June 22, White Clover Chapter, located at Edison, was constituted by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Winnifred Hare, assisted by the Grand

Secretary, Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest. The hall was very beautifully decorated, white clover predominating. A star a yard across made entirely of white clover and ribbon the color of the different points, was one of the attractive emblems in the East. A very pleasant social and banquet was tendered the visitors and all enjoyed the hospitality of White Clover Chapter. Mrs. Della York was installed W. M.; Joseph Parks, W. P.; Miss Harriet Warner, A. M.; Miss Eliza Parks, Sec.

On the evening of July 7 occurred one of the most pleasant gatherings Penino ever had. Alice Chapter was duly constituted by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Winnifred Hare. The hall was filled with a large number of invited Masons and families to witness the beautiful installation ceremonies. This chapter was organized by the Grand Secretary, but not being able to be present at this time she was not forgotten, receiving from this chapter several boxes of delicious strawberries and cream. Mrs. Mary Raglass, W. M.; J. F. Canon, W. P.; Mrs. Mary McClellan, Asso. M.; Wm. Raglass, Sec.

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of the many side degrees that were given to Masons, Masters and Royal Arch, their wives, sisters and daughters. I believe their cousins and aunts were not at that early period included, nor do I know now whether they are thus favored.

I took the distinguished guest home with me that evening and being then the Government Observer in charge of what has since grown into the weather service, I had charge of a series of instruments and made daily observations, also through the evening. Some of the readers of this article, should the Masons read it, will recall a most humorous article published by Morris at the time and has since, even within the past year been reprinted in newspapers and Masonic periodicals, describing the performances of that night, as a weather observer. It is needless to say that Rob drew largely upon his imagination, but was successful in making a very readable and amusing paper for the press.

Years followed and the Order grew slowly, very slowly indeed, but after a time we had the pleasure of meeting its distinguished revivor of its interest in Grand Chapter in neighboring and other States and of assisting in the organizing of the bodies in Iowa and now the Order is most flourishing here and elsewhere.

We are now seeking to enrich our Library by adding to it everything having upon it the mark of the craft. The publications of the several Grand Chapters of the Order have from time to time been forwarded to the Library. The series was very incomplete. I am now making a special effort to complete the files of every State. I have already several volumes bound and will bind others as fast as the series may be completed. I wish the ladies department to be represented in this building, that it may in part be woman's as well as man's building. Your magazine is a welcome visitor and I wish you abundant success in the noble and praiseworthy enterprise you have engaged in and you may chronicle the success of the Order in a still more enlarged degree.

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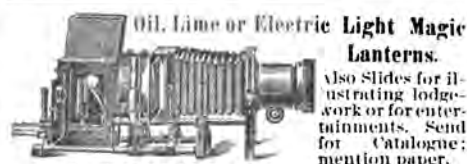
#### TEXAS.

September 7 Sister Underhill informally visited her own—Ransford—Chapter and assisted the new officers in their first work.

Polk County Chapter, Moscow, was organized Aug. 16 by Sister Mary J. Scott Underhill, D. D. G. M., with twenty-six petitioners. This is one of the finest chapters, and, though Moscow is a small town, for real culture and refinement it equals, if not surpasses many cities. The State Masonic School is located here and Masonry as practiced here is what the most ardent admirers expect to see. Sister Underhill was royally entertained. Sister Poe, W. M.; J. E. Goodwin, W. P.

Festal Day was royally celebrated by Cedar Bayou Chapter. Early in the morning the

members of the chapter, Masons and friends began to gather at the chapter-room, which is the Blue Lodge room, spacious and beautiful. At ten the chapter was opened and Sister Mary J. Scott Underhill, D. D. G. M., was introduced and received as became her station. After a few remarks a procession was formed, and headed by a band they proceeded to the place of public installation. Sister Underhill was the installing officer and there was an audience of five hundred or over. After the installation a bounteous dinner was served in an adjoining grove. In the afternoon the chapter was again called together and a very interesting program rendered and the social pleasures followed. Sept. 2 as Grand Lecturer, Sister Underhill witnessed the work of this chapter, and much praise is due them for although it was their first work it was excellently done and mostly without the use of rituals.



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## A CHRISTMAS TALE OF OLD ENGLAND.

'Twas in old England, long ago,  
And merry was the time;  
The bells rang o'er the distant hills,  
In many a pleasant chime;  
The yule log burned upon the hearth  
And through the house were sounds of mirth,  
That night—it was a Christmas night—  
The guests were in the hall,  
The holly with its berries fair  
Was decking every wall;  
And music from the harp so sweet  
Made pleasure's round of joy complete.

What made the 'Squire turn so pale,  
As on the Christmas eve,  
There rose without the manor halls  
A voice so sweet and clear?  
"Who sings without?" The 'Squire said;  
"Not her, not her, for she is dead!"

That quaint old song, he knew it well;  
She sang it when a child—  
That girl, sole daughter of his house—  
That girl, so wayward, wild,  
Who disappeared one Christmas night  
Forever from her father's sight.

"Go bring the singer in," he said;  
"I fain would see her face."  
The hall door opened, then a form  
Still wearing beauty's grace,  
Walked slowly in, with drooping head—  
"My child!" was all the 'Squire said.

"Forgive, forgive!" the singer wailed,  
And knelt down at his feet;  
The guests arrayed, all gathered round,  
To bear her to a seat;  
The 'Squire raised her, and in tears,  
Said, "Child I've waited many years

To say the word that now you crave.  
My friends, the lost is found—  
The dove's returned; her weary feet  
Could find no standing ground.  
The ark of safety gives her rest."  
And then he clasped her to his breast.

And all the guests cried out in glee,  
And pressed the 'Squire's hand;  
This was the happiest Christmas night  
In England's "merrie" land.  
Ah, would that all who've turned aside,  
Would but come home on Christmas-tide.  
—Selected.

## WOMAN.

A woman's rank  
Lies in the fullness of her womanhood:  
Therein alone she is royal. —Ibid.

## MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, 1889 to 1892.

The life of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, editor and publisher of THE EASTERN STAR, has been such a busy and helpful one that it is a difficult matter to tell just where to begin to recount her works. The writer's first recol-



MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

tion of Mrs. Ransford is seeing her surrounded by the infant class of an Episcopal Sunday School in a church where her work was unbounded. Always a lover of children, young and old, Mrs. Ransford has the knack of cultivating and holding the friendship of "even the least of these little ones." Her

own childhood was spent in the town of her birth, Little Falls, New York, where her parents, who were of Scottish birth, settled at an early date. Nettie Campbell was born November 5, 1838, and at the age of eighteen with the characteristic ambition which has never flagged she went west, and taught school at Omaha and Fort Calhoun, Nebraska. Her marriage to Mr. William P. Ransford occurred at Fort Calhoun, April 25, 1858.

In 1862 they removed to LaPorte, Indiana, where Mr. Ransford had business interests and in 1870 they became inhabitants of the Hoosier capital. Two children came to brighten the home—one leaving it in infancy, the other, Ida, just as she was stepping into womanhood.

While Mrs. Ransford has developed her talents in every line of work she is best known through her work in the Order of the Eastern Star. She became a member of Queen Esther Chapter No. 3 Order of the Eastern Star in 1872, when it was but a new organization. In 1874 she was elected Worthy Matron, re-elected in 1875 and 1876 and again in 1884. She has been identified with the work of the Grand Chapter of Indiana since its organization in 1878, and has attended eighteen annual meetings—missing the nineteenth held in April last because of the severe accident which confined her to her bed at the time of meeting.

She was Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence reported in 1878 and was elected Grand Matron in 1879, 1880, and again in 1883. Her work in the Order which has been her life interest has always been of most practical value. Scorning at any time to be a mere figurehead Mrs. Ransford has the interest of every Chapter in the State, and in fact in the United States, at heart and has made countless official visits, giving aid and encouragement and inspiration.

She was an interested participant at the

organization of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis in 1876 and has attended each succeeding meeting—Chicago in 1878 and 1880, San Francisco in 1883, St. Louis in 1886, Indianapolis in 1889 where the members of that body recognizing her merit elected her Most Worthy Grand Matron, she being the first Most Worthy Grand Matron to serve under the changed constitution making that officer the executive during the vacation of the General Grand Chapter. Her duties then became of a national importance, and during her term of office she visited eleven grand jurisdictions by special invitation, though this was not a part of the duties of her office.

Never without one or more offices on hand, Mrs. Ransford is now Secretary of Queen Esther Chapter. The most practical monument to her love for the Eastern Star is her paper of that name devoted to the interests of the Order and which has brought her high recognition in the literary world. Always a friend of her sex, Mrs. Ransford has made her paper helpful to women by employing women workmen and has a printing office run by a competent woman in connection with her paper. No woman in her city has a larger acquaintance extending from Maine to California. She has the trait invaluable to politicians of remembering faces and names and is in demand on the introduction committees of National conventions or encampments for she knows "every one."

Intensely patriotic Mrs. Ransford is closely connected with the Woman's Relief Corps, at present holding the position of Senior Vice-President of Indiana, and has frequently been honored by election as delegate to Department and National Conventions.

While the above is a record of the official life of Mrs. Ransford, it by no means describes the immense amount of practical work which she carries on. While a man would employ two secretaries, she attends to all her official and personal correspondence herself, having at times one hundred letters to answer. The contents of the letters range from the sublime to the ridiculous. From deciding questions on the law, government, and the general policy of the Order she turns to those asking information on dress goods, receipts, or pauses to write a few lines of sympathy to some one in distress, even though the one addressed be a stranger. Her sympathy is always extended to the unfortunates and she is the first to respond where there is sickness or death.

Twice recently has Mrs. Ransford been the victim of an accident that would have been the end of any ordinary woman, but she has kept up her courage and the courage of those around her. When her wrist was broken she procured a typewriter and answered her letters with her left hand and when she fell down an elevator shaft and was supposed to be dying she dictated her work from her bed. She is a member of the Indianapolis Press Club and is helpful to all presswomen.

LAURA A. SMITH,

For The Eastern Star.

### PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

"Neither is a dictionary a bad book to read," says Emerson in his essay on books. "There is no cant in it, no excess of explanation, and it is full of suggestion—the raw material of possible poems and histories. Nothing is wanting, but a little shuffling, sorting, ligature and cartilage."

In the Midway Plaisance that was, one thought particularly impressed itself. However dress, custom or complexion may differ, and whether the home be a snow hut near the Pole or a Javanese wicker dwelling, fathers and mothers love and tenderly care for their little ones the world over.

The prayer carpets or rugs sold in our stores are the product of the leisure moments of Syrian and Indian women. In every house there is a loom, and when the woman is not otherwise busy she sits down at it and does a few moments' work. Of course, she works by snatches, which explains the story that some of these rugs were on the loom for twelve or eighteen months, but they would not have been had she been able to work continuously. When a rug is done she sells it at once to the traveling merchant, who hands it over to the city merchant, and in time it finds its way, at a constantly increasing price, to Europe or America.

To be a pet of the public sometimes has its disadvantages, and a great deal of its favor can scarcely be a sufficient reward. M. Paderewski, for instance keeps up his reputation only at the cost of tremendous efforts. To an interviewer for Black and White he has confided the fact that he practices at the piano often for fifteen or sixteen hours a day. Once, in New York, he had to work up eight entirely distinct programs in little over as many days, and then it was a case of seventeen hours' practice daily. One must always be at it, he explains, to keep the fingers right and the memory active. The work is certainly tiring, and M. Paderewski considers that playing billiards—a game he is very fond of—has saved his life by affording him the necessary relief from his arduous work.

It is always pleasureable to find that our ideas agree with those of others and most of us will agree with Lowell and his views expressed in the following. "Hippel, the German satirist, divides the life of man into five periods, according to the ruling desires which successively displace each other in the human soul. Our first longing, he says, is for trousers, the second for a watch, the third for an angel in pink muslin, the fourth for money and the fifth for a place in the country. I think he has overlooked one which I should be inclined to place second in point of time—the ambition to escape the gregarious nursery, and to be master of a chamber to

one's self. How charming is the memory of that cloistered freedom, of that independence, wide as desire, though perhaps only ten feet by twelve! How much of future tastes and powers lay in embryo there in that small chamber! It is the egg of the coming life.

LILLIAN.

### KEEPING ACCOUNTS.

[Marguerite Lyndith, in The Housekeeper.]

Have you ever tried keeping an account of your expenses and those of your family during the year? There is nothing which is such a safeguard against living beyond one's means. "Figures don't lie, and they stand up accusedly every time the book is opened to add another item.

I buy a little blankbook each year, and write down the personal expenses of each member of the family separately. Leave several pages for the grocery bill; next the meat bill, and the household furniture, which means anything used about the house from a cake tin to a piano. One page must be left for the money paid out for domestic service, and gifts to church and charities, and a space must be saved for the presents.

Do not forget a page for the money received. When John hands you five dollars, jot it down, and you will know at the end of the year just where it has gone. On a farm a great many women have income from the sale of butter, eggs, chickens and turkeys. This also should be noted.

Be sure and have a page for the reading matter purchased during the year. Economize where you will, but take some good newspaper, also a housekeeping paper, and let each member of the family have some magazine or paper adapted to the wants and tastes, and add new books to the general collection occasionally. Many of us starve our intellects to fatten our pocketbooks.

I find by this system of keeping accounts, I can each year make money go farther, or at least spend it more judiciously. One sometimes has some special object for which she wishes to save money; by a little cutting down here and there we can sometimes accomplish that which at first was deemed an impossibility. Of course one's expenses should correspond to her income; what would be gross extravagance for one might be prudent for another, and what might be simply good management for her whose pocketbook is lean would be stingy for her wealthy friend.

It is well for any housekeeper to keep accounts; especially is it almost a duty for the many who have need to count the pennies. Many a man has been ruined by his wife's extravagance, but no woman who has common sense and knows just where her husband stands in the financial world, will purposely go beyond his means. If she should jot down every expense she will soon learn to adapt herself to her income, providing that income is anything at all. Expenses vary in kind in almost every home, but let us head the little book with the maxim, "Better go to bed supperless than to rise in debt."



## THE ASHLER'S FATE.

"Workman," behold, before thee lays,  
An Ashler rough in nature's ways,  
Quarried from a stranger land  
It does thy care and workmanship command.

Oh, touch its face with sacred care,  
Lest thou shouldst its purity impair;  
For know, upon thee does depend,  
Where this pure Ashler's fate shall end.

'Upon its face I charge thee leave no scar,  
Nor let thy hand its beauty mar,  
For the Master's will does declare,  
It has a place thou shalt prepare.

Craftsman, again to thee I say  
Thou "must" be careful of thy way;  
Let thy hand be firm, but true,  
That thy skill its roughness may subdue.

And thy master-hand shall thus decree,  
What this Ashler's fate shall be  
Will it in beauty His home adorn?  
Or through thee its purity suborn?

Then let thy craft and cunning skill;  
Apply the working tools at will.  
Let plumb, level, and unerring square,  
Prove the purity of this stone most rare.

"Brother," thou art the Ashler here portrayed,  
And tho' all the world against thee be arrayed,  
To thyself and Masonry be true.  
That thus the mystic word may thee subdue.

—C. D. MAGEE.

Chicago, September 30, 1893.

## "MALTA AND THE DEFENSE OF ST. ELMO."

[By Hon. John E. Smith, Past Grand Master A. F. & A. M., as delivered at the Eastern Star Congress, Tuesday, May 16, 1893.]

MRS. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND BROTHERS:—If there be one fraternity outside of the Church, if there ever has been a fraternity outside of the Church to which this Order of the Eastern Star should feel more attached than to any other, it is the Order of Malta. Not strictly a Masonic organization in its early days, but with Masons among its members and Grand Masters of the Order that were Masons. So many of the Order that were Masons that several bills were issued by the Popes, and notably one of Pope Clement in 1740, forbidding the meetings of the craft and for attending the same six Knights were expelled from the Island. This great Order was founded for the protection of the innocent maiden, the destitute widow, the helpless orphan and the defense of the Christian religion, and for these reasons alone this fraternity of Knights should be closer to the ladies of the Eastern Star than any other branch of the Masonic Craft.

There is in the Mediterranean Sea about midway between the southern shores of the mainland of Italy and the northern shores of Africa, midway between the rock of Gibraltar on the west, and the ancient seaport of Joppa on the east, a little Island not more than nine by eighteen miles, with two or three outlying islets, the first being Malta, the second Gozo five by nine miles, and two little islands of one by two miles, forming the dependences of that rockbound, barren island known as the Isle of Malta, the gateway of the Orient.

An Island once perfectly destitute of vegetation, trees or soil almost, but which, through the indefatigable perseverance and labor of its people from the remotest ages, has been brought to be one of the choicest and most cultivated isles in the Mediterranean. This has been brought about by the crushing of rock to furnish soil upon which to plant their vegetables, fruits and flowers. The Island is known from the most ancient times. It is believed to have been the connecting link between the Continents of Africa, Europe and America and a part of the great Atlantic. It was known to Homer. It is known as having been the home of Calypso in the grotto, or two grottoes, one in Malta and one in Gozo, where she entertained Ulysses when on his return from the Siege of Troy. There but a year ago I visited the grottoes, but Calypso was absent. She had probably gone to visit Polyphemus. It was occupied in those days by Giants. At a later period, and a more modern one in the history of that Island, it was occupied by the Phoenicians, 1500 years before our era. Since that time it has been subjected to the Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, and almost every people that inhabit the shore of the Mediterranean. But we have to deal with it more since its occupation by the Arabs, because the people of Malta to-day are of the Arabic blood, with their habits and their language, and with its occupation by this renowned Order, "The Illustrious Knights of St. John of Jerusalem."

I may also mention the fact that St. Paul landed upon this Island, was shipwrecked upon the north end of it, and remained upon the Island for several months; and I have visited the bay where he was shipwrecked; have seen the spot where, standing over the fire warming his hands, the viper sprang up and stung him. A monument is erected to his memory on the Island in the Bay where he was shipwrecked, and near the grotto where he hid from the Sarcaceins, who would have put him to death. This monument to his memory is near Citta Vecchia, the ancient City of Malta. But this Order of St. John or these Illustrious Knights of St. John, had their origin in the Eleventh Century. They were in Jerusalem when it fell before the first fights of the successful crusades in 1098 and 1099. Shortly afterwards, they organized into a military Order, and the Order of Knight Templar was organized about the same time.

They remained in and about the Holy Land for about two centuries, when they were driven out about the same time the Knight Templars were, and falling back to Cyprus, they held that Island for ten years, when they occupied Rhodes, remaining at Rhodes a part of a century, until the Island fell before the assault of the Turks. The siege lasted for several months, and no more glorious achievement was ever performed by any Order of Knighthood, than the defense of

Rhodes during the Grand Mastership of L'Isle Adam. No defeat was ever so glorious and no retreat ever so grand, as that from the Island of Rhodes.

Retiring from the Island of Rhodes in the Sixteenth Century, this Order so known as the Illustrious Knights of St. John, of Jerusalem, of Palestine, of Cyprus and of Rhodes, became known as the Order of Malta. The Emperor of Germany, Charles the Fifth, having given them a deed to the Island of Malta and its dependencies.

Establishing themselves upon the Island of Malta in 1532, they commenced the erection of the fortifications that have made that Island renowned as the most formidable fortress in the world. They erected upon the site of an old Temple, the Fort of St. Elmo, and on the site of another Temple, they erected St. Angelo. These defenses were in a forward state when the Turks besieged the Island in 1565. About the middle of May 40,000 Turks landed upon the north end of the Island. They immediately besieged St. Elmo, the little fortress on the point of land between Grand Harbor and Quarantine Harbor. Grand Master La Vallette (L'Isle Adam having died in the meantime), being in command, took his station in St. Angelo, and held St. Elmo as the key.

The artillery of that day consisted very largely of guns made around a coil, or hollow cylinder of brass wrapped with warred rope plastered with cement. That was the style of guns they had. At a later day they had the breech-loading guns of which our Armstrong is a copy.

The siege of St. Elmo continued from the middle of May until June, when the besieged found the fortress untenable. They made application to Grand Master La Vallette to be withdrawn from the fortress as it was no longer tenable. The Grand Master knowing that when St. Elmo fell, it would be but a brief time before St. Angelo would follow, and the Island would have to succumb to the Turks, affected to believe that they desired to be relieved, and therefore, sent back word to the Knights commanding the defenses, that if they would but hold the fortress until reinforcements could be forwarded, they would be relieved. This, to the Knights was a reproach, because they had not asked to be relieved. They had known, and did well know, that the position was untenable, and therefore they desired to be withdrawn. If any Knights remained to defend until death, they preferred to remain and not to be withdrawn, and therefore be dishonored. They, therefore, unanimously petitioned that they should be permitted to remain in the defenses of that little quarter, and Grand Master La Vallette having accomplished his point, granted permission.

On the 22nd day of June, all communications had been cut off between St. Elmo and St. Angelo; Grand Master La Vallette, appearing upon the ramparts each morning

after his prayers in the little Chapel in the rear of St. Angelo, was almost in despair. Not a line of communication could be opened with this fort. Its men were besieged. Its dead and its wounded could not be cared for. During that night, the remaining Knights, some sixty in number, withdrew from the ramparts, passed down into a little Chapel not over forty feet square beneath the works, where they confessed their sins, recited their creed, renewed their vows, and kissing their swords they returned to the ramparts for the further defense of that little fortress. Wounded many of them unto death, they had to be lashed to the chairs in which they sat. Tied to the rings and the gun carriages and the ramparts, with the battle axes and their swords placed in their hands, they stood there on the 23rd of June, and held that fortress against the combined assaults of the Turks for six hours. When the walls were levelled and the Turks gained the defenses, not a Knight was left to tell the story. Every Knight of St. John, and there were one hundred and thirty in that little fort from first to last, died at his post of duty. The men at arms under their command, in that fortress, erected for one hundred men, had been fed day after day as their comrades fell, until 1500 had fallen in the defense of St. Elmo. Well might the Turkish Commander say, "That if the child had cost us so much, how much will the parent St. Angelo cost us? That little St. Elmo cost so much that they never captured the parent, because they were driven from the Island with a loss of twenty-five thousand men.

There was no soil in the vicinity of St. Elmo in which to bury the dead; the bodies of the Knights were taken in boats to St. Angelo and buried in the cemeteries on that side of the bay, but the bones of the valiant men at arms, the Maltese, were dropped in a cistern. Years afterwards, when a body of pious Monks located in the immediate vicinity, and went to excavate and clean out those cisterns, they found the flesh had disappeared, but the bones were almost perfect and well preserved, and they in their piety and as a memento of that great defense, have placed all those bones in a Chapel that may be visited by getting a special permit from the Governor of the Island.

The remains of fifteen hundred human skeletons, or what bones remained of them, are so artistically arranged in this Chapel, that it is picturesque, and far from being hideous and distasteful. I reason from this brief history that I have given you of the deeds of these illustrious Knights, that this Order of the Eastern Star, the Masonic Order, and above all the Christians of this age, owe more to that little band of Knights, to that illustrious Order of the Knights of St. John of Malta, than they owe to any other human force that existed for the preservation of Christianity throughout the world. Had it not been for their valiant warfare in Pale-

tine, aided by the Knight Templars, their magnificent defense of Rhodes, and the more valiant defense of Malta, the Turks and the Saracens would have overrun Europe, and Europe would have become Musselman instead of Christian. That Order held and controlled Malta until the present century, when, through the cowardice of Grand Master Hompesch, it was surrendered to Napoleon when on his way to Egypt. The French held it but a short time, when the English, with the assistance of the Maltese themselves, captured the Island from the French, and to-day it is a flourishing garrison. A few of the descendants of the men-at-arms and the successors, not the descendants, but the successors of the Knights are to be found in and about Malta.

In Italy, in Russia and various parts of Europe the Order of Malta still exists, and it exists throughout the United States as the highest Masonic body of the Ancient and Accepted York Right of Free Masonry.

But friends, there are others to follow this evening, and upon subjects that may be, and certainly will be of as much interest as this subject. I thank you for your kind and courteous attention and I congratulate these ladies, I congratulate the Order of the Eastern Star and its distinguished officials upon the grand success that they may have attained in this Columbian year.

#### AUNT LUCIA ABROAD.

[Garden City Herald, Garden City, Kansas.]

##### SOCIETY IN PARIS.

When I went there I said I wanted to see the upper tendom, where and how they live, dress, etc., but was told that they were out of the city from August until January, and that after their return Paris had its gay season. Also, that they were exclusive, did not mix much with untitled mortals, or foreigners, always rode, never walked even a few blocks, and that the place to see them would be at church at their devotions, weddings or funerals. It is useless to suppose that anyone with as much Yankee curiosity as myself would fail to avail myself of such opportunities when presented.

Society is divided into four classes:

1st, the royalty, though crushed and bleeding, still struggle for existence, and to keep the blood in such shape that it will tell if restoration ever comes. When their last king, Louis Philippe, was driven from the throne their property was confiscated and many of the Bourbons are mending shoes for a living. It is not strange that these impoverished dukes, counts and barons are willing to confer their titles on American heiresses in return for money to pay their debts with. Stranger still that American girls consider a title of so much value. 2nd. The rich retired people who live in princely style. 3rd. The trades people, peasants and laboring classes. 4th. The rag-pickers, street-cleaners and beggars.

Probably all political parties can be merged into three: First, royalists who want a king to rule over them that they may be like other nations. They forget that their kings have been more or less oppressive, but the pageantry of royal splendor is quite satisfactory. The second party are imperialists, or descendants of Napoleon. It is well known what they want. The third party are Boulangists, or republicans. There is a division of sentiment however on this last, some thought Boulanger wanted to be emperor.

Elections are held on Sunday, and the daily papers forewarn the women not to appear on the streets. So election Sundays found us studying our Bible lessons and reading sermons at home.

Suicide of late years has increased to an alarming extent. By watching the daily papers I was convinced that jealousy among the licentious, drinking and poverty, were the chief causes. The parish relief is mostly in the hands of the sisters who dispense charities as it suits them. There are generally three or four hundred unknown bodies taken to the morgue every year awaiting recognition by relatives. There were four bodies the day I visited it. Capital punishment is administered between three and four in the morning by the guillotine. There are no sensational reports of last words and disgusting details of executions presented, only the facts mentioned.

One of the first things that attracts strangers on their arrival in Paris are the broad, clean streets. In the early morning strangers will notice boxes of refuse and dirt filled up in front of the houses on the pavement. A little before seven an army of several thousand men and women start with horses, carts, brooms, shovels, etc., to clean up Paris, and when its toilet is completed, by washing its streets and sidewalks, Paris is one of the cleanest and most beautiful cities in the world. London and New York seem very filthy in comparison.

In the early morning, as early as five o'clock, may be seen dismal strings of forlorn looking people waiting for seven o'clock when the charitably disposed shop-keepers distribute a sou to each individual. After receiving this pittance they repair to an open air cauldron and get a bowl of soup of odds and ends from the markets. They pay one sou, or cent, for this bowl of soup, and it wards off starvation. Another type of Paris are the bread deliverers. These women begin their work by four o'clock a. m., by brushing the flour from the loaves. At six each takes her load, some in hand carts, but more generally in their aprons, and set out to supply their customers who on opening their door find their bread and rolls.

"Mark the honest man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace,"

Now is the time to subscribe.



## EASTERN STAR CORNER AT THE WHITE CITY.

[Dedicated to Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.]

I have seen the great White City, in all its grandeur there,  
The beautiful White City, the Columbian World's Fair.  
Have seen it in the morning, in July's balmy days,  
When the shadows pointed westward by Saul's long slanting rays;  
Have seen it in the sunlight of August's torrid noon,  
Have seen it too at eventide by September's mellow moon;  
Have seen it when that moon, by clouds was curtailed tight,  
When nothing else did give one single ray of light  
But what was drawn from clouds by Franklin's silken kite  
Now bottled up by Edison in his incandescent light;  
I have wandered through the foreign streets of Midway's busy mart,  
And thought its mammoth buildings filled with wondrous works of art;  
The choicest from the North, where ice and snow abound,  
To India's sunny clime, all the best that could be found  
Was gathered here to show, as the cream of every trade,  
Arranged in every kind of booth, unique and cozy made,  
But of all the cozy corners, where taste is most complete,  
Where every one that sees it, stops to rest and take a seat;  
Within its rail is "welcome" to all, or them at least  
That take for their beacon light, the Star within the East;  
'Tis there they find a welcome, with refreshments from the soil  
The wages of all good fellows, corn, wine and oil;  
The corner I refer to, and the lady in command,  
Are equal to the task Duty ever does command.  
This sister and her corner, in every thing the best,  
Is voted by the Eastern Star the queen of all the rest.

—H. C. HOBART.

Elgin, Ills., October 27, 1893.

## ADAH.

"The gods are deaf to hot and peevish vows,  
They are polluted offerings, more abhor'd  
Than spotted livers in the sacrifice."

—Trollus and Cressida.

The act of Jephthah comes under the head of rash vows. It is generally considered so. The history meets with little sympathy, as far as he is concerned, and yet, on mature reflection he is entitled to marked respect for the brilliant example of sincerity that he has left to posterity. No one felt as grieved as Jephthah, on perceiving his awkward position; none realized the gravity of the occurrence as he did, because if followed in detail, his only daughter must be sacrificed. Jephthah is to be honored for his zeal and earnestness. He figures in history as a fitting illustration and example of the binding force of a vow.

The vow is the moving power of all society, it is life itself of commerce and business. Were the vow and oath, or obligation to be banished or disregarded the affairs of the commercial world would be utterly demoralized. Thus when we comprehend the importance of the vow, and its relation to all matters of life, we should honor Jephthah for his rash vow, rather than censure him as is

frequently done. But in this narrative comes one of the most brilliant examples recorded of female regard for honor and truth; honor that there may be a full compliance of all promises, and truth that the moral obligation may be fully regarded. All this was suggested by the daughter, who, when reminded of the vow made, began immediately to explain its sanctity and importance, and even went so far as to remind her father that it must be observed in detail, and that she must be no hinderance to the same.

Therefore when we come to view the occurrence minutely, the honor and credit is really due to the daughter for magnanimity rather than to her father. Was it not wise to put the character of Adah in our central star, as a proper one to grace the first point? It is to be regretted that the historian has recorded so very little of her life, for the reason that a person so thoughtful, so dutiful, so considerate, and so heroic, must have displayed in her life innumerable instances and bright examples equally as suggestive of noble characteristics as the one now under consideration. I am sure that were we to see her whole life illustrated our regard would increase correspondingly, for she was certainly a heroine, brilliant in the extreme. As I muse over this character and all the lessons that are developed in the consideration, I am inclined to laud her as the heroine triumphant.

All people that are given to reflection, all that are inclined to consideration of the excellencies of these selected characters, all that ponder minutely and thoughtfully over these grand figures of our Star, they see the beauties, the elegance and the concentrated influences that cluster around this grand female. That her life was noble is beyond dispute. We must however confine our meditations and impressions of her life as they appear to our Order; our sentiments must be toward the elucidation of the lesson as it bears on the binding force of a vow.

Certainly Adah considered a vow as extremely sacred. Its consequence to her was a secondary consideration. So, in our Order the first essential is the vow, only we must be careful that it is a just one, made of good judgment and discretion, that honor, sincerity, justice and consideration are its principal components. It is the duty of this late age, not to consume time in striving to reproduce her history from the incomplete fragments, but rather to build up a theory of what she intended to illustrate in her strong language to her father to fulfill his vow. There are very many admirable qualities in her life, but we must confine our thoughts to the issue, which is the fundamental spirit of our Order. The vow is certainly rudimental, for the reason that it is the first essential. We can measure the spirit, or the usefulness by the vow. If it is a good society the nature of the vow will disclose its degree on the contrary.

In the lesson of Adah I am reminded most

forcibly of its importance as it bears on all matters pertaining to the society. I have reason to consider that the writer of Judges recorded this instance as a fitting one for guidance of future ages, in a matter that was of vital importance to that age, and of equal interest to us. In this respect we observe how those far off ages experienced our daily desires and requirements. Our business with these historical facts, and their applications is to see wherein they refer to us. If every member would centre his mind on these figures, and see wherein he is deficient, as they bear personally on his own life, and then strive to correct the discrepancy or shortcoming, there would be far more faithfulness and less violation of our most solemn duties. The vow is not an accommodation, but a necessity. Were the mind equally classified perhaps the vow would be unnecessary, but in this age of diversity and difference the vow is a necessity, hence we observe the wisdom of Adah's advice to her father. In my judgment we should reluctantly assume vows without first knowing their import, but when understood and assumed, then our most sacred obligation is at stake to perform them rigidly and implicitly.

Enoch who lived before the deluge was a shoemaker, and it is claimed that at every stitch he said "God and His Majesty be praised." This extract gives us the true character of the vow. Enoch's unceasing repetition is a fitting example for us, not so much for the recital as for the observance. Of course, in our minds must first come the remembrance, but the act itself is the desideratum. This process is necessary; and if observed will reveal the nature and object of the vow. In carrying out in detail the pledge with all its varied parts, we are brought to bear on all the requirements. In this performance we see how much is contained as well as the manifold duties embraced therein, therefore in a full compliance we readily follow the mandates of our Order. Hence we see the importance of the vow, also the wisdom displayed by Adah in the exclamation, "My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord do unto me according to what hath proceeded out of thy mouth." A strong desire to faithfulness creates zeal, and all qualities that tend to sincerity and interest.

If we uniformly and unceasingly strive to observe what our pledges contain we will be surprised at our energy. And this is what makes prosperity and activity. It is a pleasure to be engaged in any cause, and to realize large accomplishments. I am sure that all who assume our pledges, and who observe them will reap a rich reward of devoted friendship and regard. And this will be ample recompense for the time spent. The observance of our pledges cultivates the mind, rounds off the disposition and makes us appreciate the fine principles and high duties of life. It has the power of equalizing our faculties, so that we are well fitted to strug-

gle even with the uncultivated minds. By this we see that the vow has the especial duty of making our life one of harmony and consistency, as well as that of labor, energy and activity.

A. J. BURTON.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF MONTANA, 1893.

It has been most interesting to review the procession of autumnal meetings of our Order as they appear from month to month, in the columns of THE EASTERN STAR. The pilgrimage of the nation to the World's Fair, the general depression in financial circles and the stoppage of many industries have caused no "dimming of the shining Star." Agitation upon the silver question, decline in the price of wool, vital issues with some of us, have been unable to deflect it from a fixed and proper course.

The Columbian year has witnessed both growth and influence, and we regard the money spent to maintain and give it a standing at Chicago, among other institutions fostered and promoted by women, as a good investment viewed from any standpoint. Long will live in the pleasant memory of those who were weary and faint by the way, the delightful O. E. S. Headquarters in the Woman's Building. The word of welcome there received, the restfulness and charm of the spot will linger when some recollections of the pomp and pagentry of the Exposition have passed away. Our Congress, too, on May 16th, was at once a triumph and a progress, and women have proven themselves to be powerful factors in all the great departments of life where head, heart and hand are permitted to have full play.

Montana furnished its full quota of pilgrims to the favorite shrine of 1893, but all returned in good order to resume again the ordinary requirements of life. First and foremost of our public duties came the session of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. following closely upon those of Grand Commandery, Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Balls and banquets were the order of that week. The visitors and guests of Miriam Chapter were hospitably entertained on the day previous to the session at the lovely home of the Conductress, Mrs. W. G. Preuitt. The opening attendance of the Grand Chapter was large—larger than on any previous occasion. Sixty-four representatives were entitled to cast votes.

The Worthy Matron, Miss Alice E. Hopper, and the Worthy Patron, C. B. Nolan, of Miriam Chapter, Helena, both gave eloquent addresses to their guests during the day and evening.

The annual report of the Grand Matron was very interesting and delivered in a most pleasing manner. That of the Grand Patron received due attention. Its special feature was his condemnation of electioneering methods as they too often prevail.

There had been an addition of only two

Chapters to the number of subordinates during the past year.

The election of officers was as follows:

Mrs. Marion Wood, Grand Matron, Townsend.

Charles Pomeroy, Grand Patron, Great Falls.

Mrs. Alice Stedman, Asso. Grand Matron, Helena.

I. J. Baker, Asso. Grand Patron, Livingston.

Mrs. Emma D. Fretz, Grand Secretary, Helena.

Mrs. Elva Boardman, Grand Treasurer, Butte.

The next meeting takes place at Billings, in October, 1894.

EDNA L. HEDGES,

Helena, Nov. 10, 1893.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF OHIO, 1893.

The Grand Chapter convened in its Fourth Annual Session at Garrettsville, on Oct. 25. The meeting was, as all have heretofore been, most successful in all its official and civil features. The Grand Matron, Sister Gaskell, in her annual address, gave a review of the year's work, and especially complimented the subordinate Chapters for the very efficient manner in which all do their work. Her address was business-like and is commendable for the sound sense and interest taken for the success and welfare of the Order.

The Grand Patron also gave a review of his official duties during the past year which showed conclusively that his interests in the Order have been alive and active since his installation a year ago.

Two days were consumed in completing the work of the session. The first evening the Grand Chapter and visiting members were accorded a royal banquet from the hands of the members of Crescent Chapter whose hearts are deep in the interests of the Order and noted for their gentleness and spirit of hospitality. Their very cordial treatment of their guests will certainly be retained in the memory of those present as a bright mark to commemorate the Fourth Annual Meeting.

Speaking of Crescent Chapter, I must not overlook the fine exhibition given the Grand Chapter in conferring the Floral degree. Your readers who have seen it properly produced will agree that it is beautiful, and I believe that ancient craft, Masonry, will have to delve deep in the "secret vaults" and ransack rituals and "keys" before they will be able to show up anything more impressive or sublime. The members, expert from practice, have got the work to perfection, and criticism would add nothing to make the ceremony more interesting.

The officers for the coming year were as follows:

Rebecca J. McClintock, Grand Matron, Garrettsville.

John M. Brodrick, Grand Patron, Marysville.

Bell Schmuck, Asso. Grand Matron, Cleveland.

S. B. Wagner, Asso. Grand Patron, Ada.

Gertrude B. Williams, Grand Conductress, Norwalk.

Ellen Porter, Asso. Grand Conductress, Cleveland.

Ella B. Shearer, Grand Secretary, Marysville.

Jennie M. Kingsley, Grand Treasurer, Kingsville.

The auspices under which the Grand Chapter convened this year were more encouraging than at any former meeting. Since the organization of the Order of the Eastern Star in Ohio, we have had a very unsatisfactory as well as an embarrassing problem to confront us in the fact that the Grand Lodge of Ohio, F. & A. M., refused us recognition and entrance to their lodge rooms for meeting purposes. This barrier was removed at the session of the Grand Lodge a few days ago by a unanimous vote of its members, and now prosperity is facing us on every hand. There has been more inquiries for organization since the session of the Grand Lodge than has come to us for two years. The recognition so long craved has come, and come not only to strengthen the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star, but come to bear stronger and better fruit for the great "ancient Order." It will certainly be an incentive to many to join the Masonic Order that would not otherwise find their way therein. The mutual benefits of this recognition will be felt later on, and the Grand Lodge will be quick to recognize this fact, as well as the fact that they have extended to their wives and daughters the courtesy they, as Masons' wives and daughters, have a right to expect.

ELLA B. SHEARER, G. Sec.

#### IN MEMORIAM

[Published by request.]

Sister Margaret Pattee died November 9, 1893.

Sisters and brothers of Angola Chapter No. 78 O. E. S., we are again called upon to mourn with those who mourn and weep with those who weep. Death has again entered our mystic circle. A link has been severed from the tie that binds, a flower shaken from the tree of friendship.

Our beloved Sister Pattee is no more. She has heard the summons from the most high and answered the question, "Believeth thou this?" It remains for us to bow in humble submission and be prepared also for the Divine call. Having for our inspiration as did she the "Star of Bethlehem" therefore be it

Resolved, That we emulate the patience and fortitude shown by our sister through her months of intense suffering.

Resolved; That we as a Chapter extend to the greatly beloved sons and friends our sympathy in their sorrow.

Resolved, That the charter be draped for thirty days; that a page be set apart in the records of this chapter for the memorial and that these resolutions be inscribed thereon, as a tribute of respect to the memory of our departed sister, that a copy be sent to the family and THE EASTERN STAR.

EUGENIA MORLEY, }  
ADA TIMMERMAN, } Com.  
EDNA CREEL, }



## GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, 1893.

The Grand Chapter held a very interesting and important session, commencing October 16 and closing on the evening of the 19th. The attendance was large and at the close of the meeting there were more present than at the closing of any previous session.

The addresses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron show earnest, careful work, by capable, efficient workers.

The Correspondence report is written by Past Grand Matron, Mattie A. Farnum.

The Masonic Home Committee was continued. It reported \$500.00 paid over to the Home Fund and about \$3000.00 on hand ready when needed by the Masonic Committee in the construction of the Home.

A committee of five was appointed to arrange for Eastern Star Headquarters at the Mid-Winter Fair—Abbie Krebs, Geo. M. Patterson, Harrison D. Rowe, Annie Payot, Lulu Anderson.

The retiring Grand Matron was presented an elegant vase and flowers, and the Grand Patron a magnificent large souvenir spoon.

The next Grand Chapter meeting will be held at Sacramento.

The following are those with whom will rest the work for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Emma Hapgood, Grand Matron, Marysville.

Allen B. Lemmon, Grand Patron, Santa Rosa.

Mrs. Margaret Searles, Asso. Grand Matron, San Francisco.

Zachary T. Gilpin, Asso. Grand Patron, Oakland.

Mrs. Kate J. Willatts, Grand Secretary, San Francisco.

Mrs. S. Isabel Hubbard, Grand Treasurer, San Francisco.

Mrs. Mary E. Phipps, Grand Conductress, Yuba City.

Mrs. Susan Wright, Asso. Grand Conductress, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Emma Button, Grand Marshal, Oakland.

Mrs. Angeline Sutton, Grand Chaplain, Pacific Grove.

Mrs. Bertha Lauritzen, Grand Adah, Hollister.

Mrs. Margaret Beebe, Grand Ruth, Stockton.

Miss Ora Davidson, Grand Esther, Fresno.

Mrs. Dora Stofen, Grand Martha, Santa Rosa.

Mrs. Mattie Guthrie, Grand Electa, San Bernardino.

Mrs. Ellen R. Wheeler, Grand Organist, Oakland.

Mrs. Dora Coombs, Grand Warder, Marysville.

Powell S. Lawson, Grand Sentinel, Sacramento.

The following extracts are from the Grand Matron's address.

Another year, freighted with joys and sorrows, has rolled silently back into the past,

and I bid you welcome to this, our Twenty-first Annual Session. We gather from all parts of this jurisdiction to join with our mother, the Grand Chapter of California, in this communication which proclaims her prosperity. We are hereto tell of duties performed during the year, and to counsel together and receive mutual suggestions for the work which lies before us.

I trust that our deliberations may promote harmony and cultivate that fraternal interest which is indispensable to the success of our Order; to the existence of the government under which we live; to the nation of which we are proud, and to the flag which floats over us. Let us bear in mind that the laws of our Order are reason and equity; its principles, benevolence and love; its religion, purity and truth; its intention, "peace on earth," and its disposition, "good will toward men." May God give us grace, wisdom, power and perpetuity, and may all our acts be full of the spirit of kindness and forbearance one towards another.

My personal visits have been fewer than I had hoped when I assumed the position to which you called me one year ago. I regret that I could not have been a link in each golden chain in California. I can only assure every Chapter that I have had its best interests at heart, and whether my words have been praise or reproof, they have been for what I believed its best good. I counseled, advised and admonished with maternal love, and believe that my visits have stimulated and encouraged the Chapters. I have discouraged the organization of new Chapters in several places, where there was doubt of sufficient material, and have given my time and thoughts to strengthening Chapters already instituted.

I am pleased to report a seemingly fraternal feeling not only between the various Chapters of the State, but between the members of each Chapter. Oftentimes, if conclusions were to be drawn from observation, I should believe that blood ties rather than Chapter vows bound together our sisters and brothers. They meet as a family to fulfill life's best and noblest work; want is relieved before the echo of its wail is heard, and sorrow soothed and softened by gentlest words and tenderest deeds. Neither history, nor art, nor monarchies furnish heroes half so grandly beautiful as the timid one who does some kindly deed, or speaks some gentle word when no one sees or hears save God. "The drying up of a single tear has more of honest fame than shedding seas of gore." Highest human development is in the direction of personal virtue and individual excellence and the common duties of life have in them the elements of heroism and sanctity.

The Chapters that find something to do and do it, are the harmonious, growing Chapters. They keep apace with the approved methods, and are full of enthusiastic emulation. It is upon these Chapters that this Grand Chapter may depend to preserve its glory and its good name.

The self-satisfied Chapters which have dropped into apathy are the ones that are retarding the growth and sapping the strength of the Order. Stay this feverish haste for numbers; let us have fewer Chapters and smaller membership, but let us have those that find something which needs doing, and members that feel a personal responsibility! The aim of the Order of the Eastern Star is beautiful in ritualistic work, but it is not its end. Among the many stars in the universe of philanthropic good, the rays of none diffused more glorious light than that which led the way to the humble birthplace of Christ.

From the Grand Patron's address we glean the following:

Let us each have a better understanding with our own selves, and endeavor to ascertain wherein we are at fault. "Do we sufficiently exemplify in our lives the characters of the heroines of our Order? Do we take with us and incorporate in our daily lives the beautiful lessons which radiate from our Star? Do we prove by our secrecy and discretion that we hold sacred the transactions of our Chapters? Do we prove that we indeed have a sisterly and brotherly feeling toward each other, by at all times, in all places, and under all temptation, holding sacred the character of all members of this Order? Do we zealously guard our lips from lying and slander? Do we command not only the honor and respect of our neighbors, but of our sisters and brothers who are linked to and with us in what should be a golden chain? Let us each one here present, upon our return home, ask ourselves the above questions and look about and make inquiries among our neighbors how much better, purer, and more moral, is our community, for a Chapter having been established among them. And if we find that the establishment of the Chapter has not benefited our neighbors, let us look within our Chapter hall, and see how much we have done for ourselves as a Chapter. Have we learned to come together as reasonable and just men and women? Have we done more in raising ourselves, as a body, to a nobler standard, so that at all times we can open our Chapters, feeling that for the time being, at least, we are sisters and brothers? Have we advanced still higher, and endeavored to conquer self to the end that we may raise and elevate some sister and brother, who has not yet been able to see the clear light of day.

Ah! my sisters and brothers, the power for good in our little circle is unlimited. I firmly believe that it is within the possibilities of our Order to become a power in this land; and I earnestly entreat you to prepare to lay the foundation stone. We have the soil, the foundation—but the stumps are not yet cleared away; weeds and stubble everywhere choke the violets, the jasmynes, the lillies, the fern and the rose. Here and there one blooms which sends forth its fragrance; its color is a delight to the eye; its form of beauty strength to the heart, and its perfume music to the soul. I entreat you, my sisters and brothers, cultivate them more diligently—nourish them more carefully; treasure their seed, so that in a little while where you find one here, and now one there scattered and alone, they may bloom in every Chapter hall. They may bloom in the home of every member of our Order, until at last this whole country may see in us a beautiful garden of life-giving, life-sustaining plants, lending beauty to all form, fragrance to all charity and hospitality. So shall all the bright rays of our star become incorporate within us, and from us radiate out round and about, until there remain no dark places, no lurking enemies. So doing, the stars of love and truth, of brotherly and sisterly love, shall beam in every corner of our land in a beauty and glory not excelled by the noonday sun."

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Sister Magie, Grand Matron of Kansas, will accept thanks for the souvenir badge of Kansas "at home" in the corner, that reached us.

May the Season of Christmas-tide bring to all joy and gladness, and may the light of the Star of Bethlehem brighten every household.

Brother D. C. Battey, Past Grand Patron of Kansas, has recently been called upon to part with his aged mother by death. And so the chain lengthens that binds us to the other shore. Our sympathy is extended our brother.

The Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter, Sister Effie B. Kennington, is bereaved, a dear sister, after a few days illness having been called home very suddenly. The sympathy and love of her sisters is extended her in her sorrow.

Sister Lydia Coe, of Meridian Chapter, Meriden, Conn., will accept thanks for the very pretty souvenir that is just at hand. It is a star whose points are covered with appropriately colored crinkled tissue paper and the leaves record the occasion as the "Twenty-fifth anniversary of Meridian Chapter."

THE EASTERN STAR sanctum was favored with a call from Past Grand Patron, Henry G. Thayer, of Plymouth, Ind., who was in the city attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. Not only was the call enjoyed because of a year's association in

Grand Chapter as its chief officers, but for "auld lang syne."

The members of the Order in Ohio are rejoicing over the recent action taken by the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. It was unanimously decided to allow Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star to meet in Lodge rooms. We are glad that the scales have fallen from the eyes of the members of that ancient, honorable Fraternity, and are sure that they will never have cause to regret having voted affirmatively on the question.

The report of the official visits of the Grand Matron of Indiana for the past month reached us as the paper is ready for press, which we sincerely regret. We can only promise it for the next issue and hope hereafter to receive it earlier in the month. The report shows the Order in this jurisdiction to be in excellent condition and doing good work, a fact which will give pleasure to Indiana's membership. Also a part of Massachusetts' items is among the late arrivals and is too late to get in its place.

It is the month in which most Subordinate Chapters select the officers for the ensuing year. Personal feeling should not be allowed to have influence in the discharge of this Chapter duty, but the vote should be cast for the one who will best fulfill the requirements of the office. No office is efficiently filled if the incumbent simply attends the meetings and recites the ritual charge, nor can a Chapter officered in this way reach the standard of good work in its best sense. The thought that should be recognized and govern the action is, whether or not the one for whom we are about to vote will fill the office efficiently and to the best interests of the Chapter.

It is beautiful and every member will want one. What is it? Why the half-tone print of the "Eastern Star Corner." It is 21x25 at a cost of \$3.00. One has just reached us as a personal possession and one for Queen Esther Auxiliary. It was the first society to send its contribution for the "corner" and feels very proud at heading the list for so commendable an object. But one thing in the picture is lacking, and that is the face of our R. W. Grand Secretary Sister Pitkin, whose energy and perseverance brought the corner into being, and whose ever ready welcome to one and all, made the "at home" feeling that pervaded and made the visitor loth to depart.

## AT REST.

One of life's earnest workers, one of the world's busy, helpful women, while yet in the fullness of strength and usefulness, stepped from earth's busy mart into the rest of Paradise.

Mrs. M. Sears Brooks whose name is pleasantly and helpfully familiar to the readers of this paper entered into rest November 7. She was suddenly called, and not only are

those of her own household, and of her own city bereaved, but whoever has gathered encouragement and inspiration from her thought offerings are among the mourners because earth has lost her presence.

She was not alone in theory woman's friend but in practice as well, giving freely, unselfishly of her possessions, from her storehouse of knowledge and cultivation, leading others to higher mental plains.

She contributed to this paper for many months without remuneration, although bound to us by no fraternal tie, nor yet the tie of old acquaintance. She recognized a woman struggling for a foothold on life's highway, in an avenue that is blocked by many hinderances—principally the indifference of woman to woman's work—of sisters to the interests of a sister. She reached out a helping hand and paused in her busy life to send encouraging and strength-giving words.

Words cannot measure such kindnesses nor can the pen convey the loving appreciation that the heart feels. May it be our part to gather from her example such lessons of unselfish, self-giving as shall enable us to extend to others at least a shadow of what from her we so freely received.

It was my pleasure to visit the White City during its last week, and when fatigued from excessive ambulations I would repair to the O. E. S. Headquarters presided over by our very worthy sister, Lorraine J. Pitkin. Our distinguished member was the Queen of hospitality, and her name will ever be cherished for her elegant work at the great exhibition. As an evidence of her labor in behalf of the Order the register shows about 12,000 names, and the greater portion of those visitors, like myself, were quite glad to repair there for a few moments of rest. On one visit there were representatives from Kansas, Michigan, Colorado, Nebraska, New York and Illinois, and it was most enjoyable to exchange greetings with those members. Such an event has never occurred in the writer's twenty-two years membership in the Order. It was my privilege also to visit Golden Rod Chapter, where I had a very cordial reception. The attendance was large and the manner of conducting the work gave evidence of prosperity and harmony.

A. J. BURTON.

## GREETINGS FROM THE WHITE CITY.

The gates of the "Dream White City" are closed, and whatever is recorded for good or ill is now beyond recall. We notice that the several publications of the day publish some of the nice, comforting words that reach them from time to time. Members of the Order will pardon us if we allude to some of the same so kindly expressed about one of the "relicts" of the great "World's Columbian Exposition." Especially are we grateful to the "Masonic Tidings" of Wisconsin. We had hoped to have Wisconsin represented



October 6 at Eastern Star Corner by the Grand Matron, Mrs. Emma R. Herrick, or her proxy the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Laffin. The son of the Grand Matron called, and was disappointed also.

Sisters and brothers, you will never know how much courage it took to accomplish just what was done at the "White City," and failure would have followed the attempt, but for the generous response from the Chapters and the confidence so enthusiastically given us by words written and spoken. Imagine, if you can, spending four hours daily on the cars, traveling twenty-four miles; entertaining from fifty to three hundred persons, returning home, and remaining at our desk many times till long after midnight. Preparing the pen for twelve thousand persons to register, and taking it from each to prevent blotting—the penholder used during the time has been sent to our Most Worthy Grand Matron—answering questions from three times as many persons. Twenty-four Chapters from the thirty-one in the first district responded to an invitation to be "at home" at the "corner" one day during the summer. Six Chapters did not accept: Butler of Chicago, Ravenswood, Hebron, Union, Milburn and McHenry, the last four being from twenty-five to fifty miles from Chicago. The page in the register was set aside for the Chapter receiving, and the Matron and Associate Matron were the hostesses of the day. We did everything in our power to make the day one full of bright and lasting experiences. Every Grand Matron was also invited to spend a day there as convenience would dictate—Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas and Montana responding by the presence of the Grand Matrons. The Grand Patron of Indiana, Oliver B. Sargent, was present to assist the Grand Matron, Mrs. Helen E. Macomber, the Grand Chapter of Indiana receiving with Tracy Chapter. The Grand Patron of Montana, Cornelius Hedges, and his wife, Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Very Worthy Grand Chaplain, were present to assist Mrs. Sue G. Anderson, Grand Matron.

W. H. Osburn, Grand Patron, and Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Grand Secretary, with her husband, did the honors for the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Mrs. Raymond, Grand Matron of New York, appointed a most charming proxy in Mrs. Mills, of Syracuse, who was assisted by her husband. Mrs. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer of Kansas, assisted the Grand Matron, Mrs. Magie. Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, Grand Matron of Illinois, and Mrs. Sarah B. Woods, Grand Matron of Iowa, received as the guests of Auburn Park Chapter. They were elected and installed the same day and were called the "twin Grand Matrons." Texas was represented the week of the 16th day of May by the presence of Mrs. Laura B. Hart, who said many kind words giving us much encouragement.

We desire so much to send a souvenir of the "corner" to each Chapter who responded with a contribution of five dollars or more,

and one will be sent out, we hope, by the time the reader of this valuable paper shall receive it. The picture is twenty-one by twenty-five including the margin. The clock says 10:45 and the calendar October 12. 1893 appears on the banners that decorate the wall: Please notice closely and you will see just how the "corner" looked all summer, except that the drape fell over the telephone and ice tank. Flowers being in abundance from June 1 until October 31, the corner being much admired for this one feature. Hundreds would pause, look at the large pink roses, and say how sad that they are not real, not satisfied, draw nearer to smell or touch, to make sure.

To the many kind friends who insisted the "corner" would be incomplete without the hostess, we would say—we could not persuade ourselves to send out the one which contained it. We hope that many sisters and brothers may consider it worthy a place in their homes, and the price will be within the reach of all. Criticism would be more justly pronounced should the wishes of our many, warm, earnest, friends be granted, than any criticism upon a "verse" "without rhyme or rhythm." We will gladly send a "shadow" separate to the friends who desire, which can be framed with the picture, and really be much more satisfactory to all.

October 28, Mrs. Palmer, President of the Board of Lady Managers, invited the societies in the Organization Room to take part in the exercises in the Assembly Room in honor of "Woman's day," each society to give a synopsis of what had been accomplished for the good of the society at the "White City." We were there and spoke in behalf of the Order we love so well. The W. C. T. U.'s occupied one corner, the Kings Daughters the next, the International Council of Women the next, the Eastern Star the fourth, and it was not the least important, we are sure. Our register recorded next in numbers to the W. C. T. U. We thanked the Board of Lady Managers, who had extended to us so much courtesy, and to Mrs. Palmer in particular, who was the power behind the throne. She will live in the hearts of the people of the whole world, but not so tenderly and lovingly as she will live in the hearts of her own—this great America. Last, but not least she will live in the hearts of the people of Chicago.

Mrs. J. W. Ashley, Past Grand Matron, of Illinois, registered first, and Mrs. Ella B. Holmes, of Turner, Ill., last. The register was given us by John Anderson & Co., of Chicago, the senior member of the firm we have known in a business way since 1868.

The Woman's Building officially closed Oct. 31, 1893, and we were ready to vacate in twenty-four hours, and did in forty-eight. We desire to thank the State Commissioners of Kansas and Nebraska for assistance in getting their pictures safely to their State Buildings.

We wish we had space to mention the many prominent members who called during the closing days.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lynds spent a few days and were much pleased with the "corner."

The emblematic banners and signet are for sale, the couch also.

To the members who failed to find us we would say we advertised in all the Official Catalogues and especially those of the Woman's Building. We had a large placard on each of the four entrances of the Woman's Building and three at the entrances of the Organization Room.

Golden Rod Chapter held a regular meeting on the 9th. A large attendance of members and visitors were present. Miss Rickey presided in her usual modest and impressive manner. We were there and returned the "World's Fair Banner" so kindly furnished to decorate the walls of the Eastern Star "corner" at the White City.

Marguerite Chapter, Joliet, held a regular meeting November 13. We had been urged to be present the first meeting in November, at the time the Chapter kept "open house" at our "corner." They were the only Chapter outside the first district who furnished a banner for decoration. We left Chicago on the afternoon train in company with Mrs. F. A. DeGroot of Miriam Chapter, and was joined at Englewood by Mrs. Margaret Kley. Mr. Booth met us at the train, and after a rapid, comfortable ride soon found ourselves at the delightful home of the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Sue F. S. Booth, where we found Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, Past Grand Matron, awaiting us. A regular Christmas dinner was served. At eight o'clock the Worthy Matron called the Chapter to order and opened in form. Three petitions were received, two were balloted for, and three candidates received the degrees and the Floral Work followed. Sisters Walker and Kley spoke kindly and enthusiastically of the work so beautifully rendered. We then gave a little account of our summer's work. Of course the officers received—as they justly deserved—a good share of commendation. The Worthy Matron must feel very proud of her Associate Officers, as in turn, the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron deserves the confidence and appreciation of the Chapter for their very effective work.

Again and again do we thank each and all for their confidence and kindness. We return to our duties much exhausted and weary. We trust, however, that a little needed rest will bring us back our usual courage. When tired and worn we think of the many kind words that reach us by each mail and they act like an inspiration. We thank the editor of this paper for giving us so much space since the Fair began to send greetings to the member of the O. E. S. from the White City.

LOKRAINE J. PITKIN,

R. W. G. Secretary.

**GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSOURI, 1893.**

[Mary C. Snedden in Constellation.]

The Nineteenth Annual Session of Grand Chapter was held in Springfield, October 17 and 18.

Monday evening the delegates were received with a band of music. The Reception Committee had prepared a social. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers, and fine colored bunting was tastefully festooned from every point. Over the East were the words "Welcome Grand Chapter O. E. S.," in evergreens. Queen City Chapter entertained all the delegates at the best hotels in the city, and every courtesy was extended the guests. During the evening a short but excellent program was rendered.

Tuesday morning the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by Sister S. E. McCully, G. M., using the new form of opening.

The address of welcome by Dr. M. C. Wyatt was cordial and eloquent, and made each one feel that they were certainly welcome.

Sister M. Sue Black, Asso. G. M., responded in a feeling manner.

Dr. Reuben Barney, the Grand Patron, and the Grand Matron then read their annual addresses. Both were short but interesting papers, showing the Order prosperous and harmonious.

Nine new Chapters had been organized during the year, and the increase in membership had been most satisfactory. Fifty-nine Chapters were represented.

Sister S. E. Dillon, G. Sec., presented a complete and concise statement, showing that the affairs of her office were well managed.

Harmony was the banner Chapter, having the largest membership, and had initiated forty-nine. It was closely followed by Hesperia, who had received forty-five, with four balloted on and six petitions awaiting action.

Sister Matlock, Grand Treasurer, reported \$1,723.08 in the Grand Treasury.

The Standing Committees were announced, and Grand Chapter called off.

At the afternoon session distinguished visitors were introduced and Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions received.

Reports of Committee and new business occupied the rest of the afternoon.

At the evening session the work was exemplified by Harmony Chapter, Kansas City. These officers, under the leadership of Sister Hansen, Worthy Matron, rendered the work without a flaw, after which the Floral Work, with Sister Sue M. Simpson's March, was beautifully given.

The election was as follows:

M. Sue Black, Grand Matron, Gallatin.

Bro. C. Hanson, Grand Patron, Conway.

Sue M. Tuttle, Asso. Grand Matron, Moberly.

W. H. H. Wakefield, Asso. Grand Patron, Kansas City.

Sallie E. Dillon, Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

Lizzie Matlock, Grand Treasurer, Marionville.

Genevieve Wyatt, Grand Conductress, Springfield.

Mrs. Rose Harris, Asso. Grand Conductress, Neosha.

Sarah Fischer, Grand Chaplain, Joplin.

J. T. Dew, Grand Marshal, Kansas City.

Mrs. Mattie Biehler, Grand Adah, St. Joe.

Mrs. Mary S. Russell, Grand Ruth, Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. Mary Flower, Grand Esther, Carthage.

Mrs. Mary E. Gillespie, Grand Martha, St. Louis.

Mrs. Mollie Geister, Grand Electa, Monett.

Mrs. Nellie Hamilton, Grand Warder, St. Louis.

J. G. Simpson, Grand Sentinel, Bolivar.

The officers were installed by Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., after which Bro. J. T. Dew, on behalf of the St. Louis delegation, presented the retiring Grand Matron, Sister McCully, a beautiful basket of roses. Bro. Greist, Worthy Patron, then presented her a unique silver and gold spoon, on behalf of Queen City Chapter. All returned home feeling that it had been a profitable session.

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.**

The following are the resolutions adopted by Golden Lily Chapter, Ellis, Kansas, on the death of Frank J. Schuyler, Secretary of Golden Lily Chapter, who was killed in a railroad accident October 19 by his engine leaving the track:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has removed from us our beloved brother, Frank J. Schuyler, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Schuyler Golden Lily Chapter No. 124 has lost a zealous and useful member; his family a true and devoted husband and father; the community a good and devoted citizen.

Resolved, That while we lament his sudden death, we recognize the hand of the All-wise Creator and bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and children and sorrowing friends in their sad bereavement and commend them to the tender care of our loving Father.

Resolved, That as our beloved brother is now beyond all need of earthly friends we will not forget his beloved wife and little ones, but kindly take them to our hearts in loving kindness.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be given the family of our departed brother, also that they be recorded in the minutes of our Order and published in the "Ellis Review Head-Light."

MRS. CADDIE LANDIS,  
MRS. FLORENCE STONER, } Com.  
MRS. MARY SMITH,

Pain and pleasure are so intimately interwoven in our human life that either alone seems to be incomplete. It is for us to accept them both, not for our own sakes, but something higher than either that we have at heart, and that will make all sacrifice easy and all burdens light.

Subscribe. Begin with the new year.

**GLEANINGS.****CALIFORNIA.**

Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, had a very large attendance at its meeting on Nov. 9—the time being the election of officers, which passed off very pleasantly and the usual banquet was partaken of, after which a literary and musical program followed by dancing was enjoyed until midnight. The following are the elected officers: Lena M. Hamilton, W. M.; John H. Kercheval, W. P.; Catherine Merritt, A. M.; Cynthia C. N. Walter, Sec.; Ada Dalton Hewes, Treas.; Annie S. Dunbar, Con.; Maria Akers Pierce, A. Con. P.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, gave their usual annual celebration for the children on Friday evening, Nov. 10. The children entertained about 150 of their parents and invited friends. All present enjoyed themselves so well and were so joyous that it was difficult to tell where the children left off and the gray hairs began. When the meeting was called to order the children entered the room marching in two lines, one from the door in the southwest and the other the door in the northwest and meeting at the west, then in single file on the outside of the room, forming a square and halting sang the first verse of a "Greeting" song, then marching again and forming a diamond sang the second verse, then again and forming the star and which made a very pretty emblem—those forming each point being dressed in the appropriate color; from this position the march was led to the north and south and seated after which an interesting program was rendered. All the numbers were well given. The chapter then invited the children with their guests to go to the banquet room where an elegant repast was spread. The whole evening was a decided success and much credit is due those having it in charge.

L. E. A.

**IOWA.**

For the first time the chain of Moravia Chapter has been severed—Bro. J. T. Harn having been removed from our midst to the Grand Chapter above on Aug. 21, aged 49 years. Bro. Harn was a highly esteemed charter member; our first treasurer, which office he filled until prevented by months of suffering. He had been for many years a member of and zealous worker in the M. E. Church. He leaves a wife and four children who have the sincere sympathy of Moravia Chapter. The last sad rites were performed by the Masons with the G. A. R.s for an escort he being a member of that Order.

**ILLINOIS.**

Elgin Chapter held its fourth in the series of Color socials Sept. 30 and was in charge of Sister Hoxie and in spite of bad weather and bad times which has affected Elgin to a considerable extent. A goodly number turned out, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The fifth and last of the series was held Nov.



11, and Sister Elsie Beckley was in charge. It was a State and Capital Social. The gentlemen representing the States and the ladies the Capitals. Very pretty souvenirs were given to each one. A Gipsy Fortune Teller was well patronized. In the Pie walk our W. P. would have received the prize if he had not paid so much attention to his partner. The committee then decided to eat the pie themselves; afterwards changing their minds, awarded the pie to Bro. Caughey and Louis Murphy, who divided it between them, but not before a good many had their finger in it. Saturday, Nov. 25 we are to give a "Crazy Tea and Town Library" and Dec. 9 an entertainment for the Free Bed in Sherman Hospital. This will close our entertainments for the year. We have every reason to be proud of our success, and long may it continue.

F. F.

## INDIANA.

Naomi Chapter has provided itself with a beautiful new floor star and Queen Esther has one ordered;

The Grand Patron has issued a dispensation for a chapter at Waterloo. It will be organized by Bro. Fanning, P. G. P.

Bourbon Chapter has been rather quiet lately but is still in working order. Two candidates await initiation and there is one petition to be acted upon.

Mississinawa Chapter, Marion, was officially visited by Helen E. Macomber, G. M., and Oliver B. Sargent, G. P., on the evening of Nov. 20. The Grand Patron writes "The work was exemplified, I might say, almost faultless, and the Floral work was the finest I have ever seen."

Noami Chapter has organized an Auxiliary which will hold monthly meetings at the homes of the members. Its officers are: Emily Schley, Pres.; Hettie Peake, Vice-Pres.; Sister Balcom, Sec.; Kate Dougherty, Treas.; Mary Heffen and Fanny McQuiston, Directresses. Fourteen members were enrolled.

Wabash Chapter has a new degree which they call the Wimosisbros Degree. Mr. and Mrs. Ben High of Detroit, who visited Wabash the past summer had the degree conferred on them, and were so well pleased and gave such a brilliant description of it upon their return home that they were requested to secure the work for the Detroit Order. The work was forwarded by Messrs. E. G. Sackett and Will Fowler.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, enjoyed a very pleasant social Nov. 9. It was given by the married ladies under the leadership of the A. M., Sister Wright. It was named "Looking Backward" and must be seen to be appreciated—it cannot be described. Musical numbers were rendered and the entertainment closed as usual with refreshments. The menu was wienerwursts, rye bread and whipped cream in beer mugs.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its first November meeting at the home of Sister Lizzie Crowe and was entertained by Sisters Crowe and Canaan. There were about fifty present and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent. Elaborate refreshments were served. Quilting is the work in hand but this is done between times by sisters detailed for special days. The meeting of Nov. 24 was held with Sister Malinda Siddall and was as are all the meetings of this Auxiliary, pleasant and helpful.

South Bend Chapter at its last regular meeting, Nov. 8, entertained the G. M., Helen E. Macomber, and G. P., Bro. Oliver B. Sargent, also the W. M. of Queen Esther Chapter Chicago, Ill., Sister Sheffield. At 7 o'clock p. m. the chapter members and visitors repaired to the Sheridan House where they were served with a delicious banquet, after which the chapter was opened. The officers exemplified the ritual and floral work. Remarks were made by the three visitors and members of South Bend Chapter. All expressed themselves as having a good time.

M. E. K.

Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, had an interesting meeting Nov. 7. Three new members were initiated and the officers made the ceremony very impressive by the attention which they themselves showed in it. Two petitions were presented and two names balloted upon. During the evening Bro. Parker, P. P. of Fidelity Chapter, and wife invited the chapter to an evening at their home. It was accepted by all with pleasant anticipations of the treat in store for them. As Fidelity increases its membership it does not diminish the interest which each one takes in the success of the Order as a whole, and the friendly feeling displayed one toward another. "So may it ever be."

C. D. B.

It is presumed that sisters will never plot against a sister but the presumption is vain, for on Nov. 6 Sister Mary Julian, who has charge of the mechanical part of THE EASTERN STAR, aided by about thirty others took possession of the rooms of Nettie Ransford, having previously arranged for her temporary absence in order the more completely to outwit her. The surprise was complete and the evening pleasantly spent and the surprised sister desires to have semi annual anniversaries if all can be thus emphasized. Refreshments followed. The following week, Nov. 13, occurred the anniversary of Sister Regina C. Rice, and the members of Queen Esther Auxiliary, of which she is President, decided to spend the evening with her. Every effort was made to keep the sister ignorant of the intention of her associates and callers tried to keep her engaged in her rooms until the "crowd could gather." But it was in the air and she caught the secret just before the appointed time. Cards was the amusement and the evening was delightfully spent.

## KANSAS.

Sister Sarah J. Crow, W. M. of Salem Chapter, Iola, who was with her father, Dr. Tozer, P. P., for a few weeks a sojourner in our city, writes that they reached home safely and while the Dr. was quite ill for a few days after, at the time of writing he was much improved. Members of Salem Chapter have organized an Auxiliary, and they look for good work as the result.

The members of Unity Chapter, Florence, were somewhat surprised on hearing of the marriage of Maurice Ginette and Miss Dora Cox Oct. 25. Maurice was thought an incorrigible bachelor for whom the blandishments of matrimony possessed no attractions, and accordingly everybody was surprised. The young couple began housekeeping at once, and on November 1 the members of Unity Chapter tendered them a reception. Unity Chapter has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Lucintha Barker, who passed peacefully away Oct. 30. She was buried by the Eastern Star, of which she was an honored and influential member. Their beautiful burial service was unusually impressive and attracted the attention of those who attended. The funeral is said to have been more largely attended than any ever held in Florence. It was a splendid tribute to the good qualities of a noble woman. Suitable resolutions were adopted.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Nov. 1 Mrs. V. A. Barrett, D. G. M., accompanied by her Marshal, Mrs. K. C. H. Parker, and A. F. Brown, G. P., officially visited Raver Chapter, Palmer. The G. M. was present and a number of sisters and brothers from Adelphi Chapter. The ritual work was well rendered and all the members seemed greatly interested in their work. They will soon move into better quarters, the Masons having a new hall nearly complete.

Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., accompanied by A. F. Brown, G. P., and her suite officially visited Dekamas Chapter, Whitinsville, Oct. 5. The Patron, Bro. Graham, and his wife met the G. M. and Mar. at the station and gave them a long drive around Whitinsville. It was a beautiful afternoon and the ride was greatly enjoyed. Before the work a beautiful collation was served in the banquet hall. The work was performed in a very creditable manner, one candidate being initiated. This is not a large chapter but the members are united and harmonious and it is always a pleasure to visit them.

Oct. 6, accompanied by the G. Mar., Lena M. Lamb, and the G. P., A. F. Brown, the G. M. visited officially Lady Emma Chapter at Fitchburg. We took tea with the Asso. G. M., Sister Stebbins; and then went to the hall where we were cordially greeted by 80 of the members. The ritual work was done in an excellent manner, one candidate being initiated. Then followed the floral work which was enjoyed by all. Beautiful bou-

quets were presented to each of the Grand Officers. A fine collation was served in the banquet room after the chapter was closed.

Nov. 14 the G. Mar., Lena M. Lamb and the G. M., Hattie E. Ewing, visited officially Bethany Chapter, Westboro, the chapter home of the G. P. We were met at the station by the G. P. and F. A. Fairbanks, W. P. of Bethany Chapter. Arriving at the hall early we were cordially greeted by 60 members of the chapter. The bountiful supper that preceded the work was enjoyed by all. Visitors to the number of 71 were present from Olive Branch, Athena, Summit and Mizpah Chapters. One candidate was initiated and the work was given in a manner that showed every officer to be thoroughly familiar with his part. The floral work including the poem was very impressively given. The poem adds much to this work. The hall was handsomely decorated with chrysanthemums and begonias. At this chapter the stranger is always welcome and leaves with the kindest feelings and sweetest memories.

#### II. E. E.

Mary A. Stebbins, D. G. M., and suite accompanied by Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., and Adams F. Brown, G. P., officially visited Athena Chapter, Orange, Oct. 18; Themis Chapter, Athol, Oct. 20; Naomi Chapter, North Adams, Nov. 2. In Athena Chapter, the home chapter of our G. M., the ritualistic and floral work was very finely rendered, and the beautiful floral march was very finely performed, calling forth words of praise from the inspecting officers. Visitors were present from Naomi, Adelphi, Lady Emma and Themis Chapters. A banquet was served after the work. In Themis Chapter the work was performed in a very fine manner and reflects much credit on the officers. Words of praise and encouragement were given this chapter by the inspecting officers and visitors. A large delegation were present from Athena Chapter and the visit will long be remembered with pleasure. A banquet was served by the sisters to which all did ample justice. The work witnessed in Naomi Chapter was very fine. The beautiful floral work adding much to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The Eastern Star poem recited by the W. M. was very much enjoyed by all. Visitors were present from Golden, Doric and Athena Chapters, and each had words of praise for the work they had witnessed. A banquet was served after the work, and the tables were arranged in the form of a star.

#### M. A. S.

##### MICHIGAN.

The officers of Coe Chapter, Shepherd, were installed on the evening of Nov. 3, and by the order of the Grand Matron, Sister Louise Turck. Sister Helen E. C. Balmer, of Mt. Pleasant, was appointed installing officer. The members of Coe Chapter extended an invitation to Mt. Pleasant Chapter to be with them on the evening of installation—a goodly number accepted the invitation. They

were met at the depot by a committee led by Bro. R. Hoy and escorted to the banquet hall where a sumptuous repast had been prepared by the ladies and to which all did justice. After refreshments the chapter was called to order by the W. M., who invited the installing officer to the chair after which the following officers were duly installed—Sister Nora Loveland, W. M. of Mt. Pleasant, acting as Marshal; Mrs. Frances McKenna, W. M.; Dr. John E. Gruber, W. P.; Mrs. M. Gruber, A. M.; Mrs. Anna Schmeir, Con.; Maggie White, A. C.; Mrs. Walling, Sec.; Mrs. Nettie Struble, Treas.; Miss Ruth Conklin, A.; Mrs. Myra Wellman, R.; Miss Jennie Thompson, E.; Mrs. Jennie Struble, M.; Mrs. Ellen Hoover, E.; Mrs. Eliza Struble, Chap.; I. D. McKenna, Mar.; Mrs. Jennie Drum, War.; J. L. Walling, Sen. At the conclusion of the service the remainder of the time before the departure of the train was spent in speeches, and a general Eastern Star love feast. Coe Chapter is only about a year old, yet the officers have their work nearly committed, and show a zeal which speaks for them a prosperous future.

A very enjoyable affair was the installation of officers and banquet of Williamston Chapter, September 27. About 70 were present including several members of Dansville Chapter. Mrs. S. P. Leighton gave a cordial welcome address which was followed by a song of welcome. Mrs. Chase, of Dansville Chapter, officiated as installing officer; Mrs. L. A. Hillaker, of California, as Marshal and Miss Olive Andrews as Organist. The ceremony was performed in a very beautiful and impressive manner, after which Mrs. S. E. Vanneter gave a short account of the history and purpose of the Order of the Eastern Star. This was followed by the banquet, the tables being laden with the good things of the season and finely decorated with beautiful bouquets, among which was a floral star which was presented to the retiring W. M., Sister S. P. Leighton. After partaking of the bountiful repast and spending a short time in social enjoyment all went home feeling they had spent an evening of rare and profitable pleasure. The following officers were installed: Mrs. S. E. Vanneter, W. M.; F. K. Rockwell, W. P.; Mrs. F. K. Rockwell, A. M.; Mrs. S. P. Leighton, Con.; Mrs. M. Hanlon, A. C.; Mrs. H. M. Bigelow, Sec.; S. E. Vanneter, Treas.; Miss May Vanneter, A.; Miss Bertha Lounsbury, R.; Mrs. D. Jessop, E.; Mrs. Bigelow, M.; Mrs. W. M. Heald, E.; Mrs. R. F. Griffin, War.; A. M. Lounsbury, Sen.; R. F. Griffin, Mar.

##### MINNESOTA.

Sister McCloud of Chicago, has recently been the guest of Sisters Jennie L. Flynn and A. H. Runge.

Plymouth Chapter, Minneapolis, will in future hold alternate meetings for work and social interest. At the latter meetings some member of the Chapter will present the cur-

rent news of the day, after which the subject will be discussed by the chapter.

Friday afternoon, Nov. 10, a company of O. E. S. ladies from Minneapolis, including Sister Mary C. Taylor, G. M., and Sister Jennie L. Flynn, W. M. of Lorraine Chapter, were delightfully entertained at the home of Sister N. O. Ainey in St. Paul.

At the last meeting of Minneapolis Chapter, Bro. J. M. Williams, read an original paper entitled "Jephthah's Rash Vow," an article so replete with thoughts of an uplifting moral tendency that all listeners were encouraged thereby to continued "fidelity to convictions of right and duty."

Sister Emma Schlener, W. M. of Plymouth Chapter, was happily surprised Wednesday evening, Nov. 8, by a company of friends whom her husband had invited to assist in celebrating her birthday. Bro. Schlener had most thoughtfully arranged for the amusement and refreshment of the guests, and at a late hour all departed wishing the hostess many returns of the day, and complimenting the host upon the success of the undertaking.

The Eastern Star Literary Circle met Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, at the residence of Sister Jennie Flint. Dr. W. B. Pineo, one of Minneapolis' leading eye and ear specialists, generously contributed a lecture upon "The Eye, its structure and Care." The lecture was illustrated by the charts and manikin, and those who were so fortunate as to be present were fully shown how truly wonderful is the "window of the soul" and led to definitely comprehend the necessity and importance of its careful usage and treatment.

Thursday evening, Nov. 9, the spacious home of Bro. and Sister John Noble was the Mecca of members of Minneapolis Chapter, Mrs. Louise Jacoby, P. G. M., acting as hostess, assisted by Mesdames William M. Walker, Belle Quint and L. Kimball. Progressive euchre was played by fourteen tables. The following Wednesday the ladies met at the home of Bro. and Sister George Brown, at which time cards also furnished the diversion. These afternoon and evening parties will continue throughout the season at the homes of the various members.

Sister Flora Adams Pattee, W. M. of Minnehaha Chapter, has recently been bereaved by the death of her father, Gen. C. P. Adams, one of Minnesota's pioneers and honored citizens. When our country was in need of defenders he answered the first call and as Captain of Company H, First Minnesota Volunteers, began his soldier life. At that great and vital battle of July 1, 2 and 3, 1863, when the men of the North struggled for home first, for conquest afterwards, and where they held their ground for those three bloody days with the tenacity and courage which the defense of the fireside imparts to the heart and arm of the soldier, then it was that Lieutenant-Colonel Adams won for himself a lasting renown. For gallantry and bravery



on the field of Gettysburg he was promoted to Brigadier-General, his commission being issued by recommendation of Gen. Hancock. Gen. Adams served in the last Territorial and first State Legislatures of Minnesota, and was elected State Senator from Dakota County in 1877. He was a member of Dakota Lodge, No. 7 A. F. & A. M., Damascus Commandery, Knights Templar of St. Paul; Hastings Lodge No. 48 A. O. U. W., and Peller Post No. 89 G. A. R. of Hastings. The funeral occurred Sunday, Nov. 5, under the auspices of the aforesaid societies.

LOUISE LYONS JOHNSON.

St. Paul Chapter has closed an eventful year. They will do well if they re-elect Sister Anna Brink Worthy Matron. She is of pleasing address and an indefatigable worker.

Wednesday evening, November 8, Andrew P. Swannstrom, P. G. P., organized Golden Rod Chapter at Fergus Falls. This chapter starts out with a charter membership of sixty-five—the largest that has been organized in some time in this jurisdiction. He was assisted on this occasion by a full corps of officers from Jacoby Chapter at Breckenridge. The following are the officers selected to serve until next May: Mrs. Elizabeth Corliss, W. M.; Martin T. McMahon, W. P.; Mrs. Hattie E. Weld, A. M.; Mrs. Hattie V. Eames, Sec.; Mrs. Eugenia E. Wright, Treas.; Mrs. Jennie M. Daley, Con.; Mrs. Alice A. Brandenburg, A. Con.; Mrs. Mary W. McLean, Adah.; Mrs. Henrietta B. Brown, Ruth; Mrs. Mary A. Goodsell, Esther; Mrs. Effie E. Cole, Martha; Mrs. Emma Sawbridge, Electa; Mrs. Martha I. Freeman, Chap.; Miss Jennie Corliss, Org.; Mrs. Mary R. Mathews, War.; Reuben H. Freeman, Sen. We bespeak for this chapter unusual success. It is well officered and the members are all enthusiastic.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, closed its year's work on the Nov. 15. It has been quite a successful year for this chapter, notwithstanding. The degrees were conferred, a musical and literary program was rendered, and the evening closed with a lunch in the banquet room. Election of officers for the ensuing year will occur December 6. The ladies auxiliary is very busy making up wearing apparel for worthy applicants. The entertainment committee is also busy arranging for a series of entertainments, the proceeds of which are to go towards supplying needy ones with the necessities of life. This chapter has a great deal of musical and literary talent, which assist in making the meetings pass off very pleasantly. It has a quartette which it is particularly proud of. Sister Arilla Phillips, the contralto, is one of the finest in the city. At the World's Fair, she succeeded in carrying off not only the State medal but the World's Fair medal as well, for the best amateur contralto. S.

MO. NTANA

Miriam Chapter, Helena, has a membership of 200, with several petitions to act upon. Not only has the year been socially a success

but financially as well, and a new piano is added to their possession. Its welcome and hospitality during the recent Grand Chapter meeting in Helena adds much to its good works already recorded. May Miriam always hold a place in the front rank for good work.

NEBRASKA.

The Order in this jurisdiction is in excellent condition, several new Chapters have been organized and others are preparing to be. The Grand Matron has paid thirteen official visits and finds the work generally excellently rendered.

W. P. Gordon, W. P. of Hebron Chapter, died at his home Oct. 13. In the death of this brother the chapter laments the loss of one who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid, and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed of the fraternity, an active member of the O. E. S., whose utmost endeavors were united for its welfare and prosperity, a friend and companion dear to all, a citizen whose upright and noble life was a standard of emulation to his fellows.

J. F. E.

NEW YORK.

Bro. J. Crandall, W. P. of Ridgewood Chapter, died on Nov. 19 after a brief illness.

Golden Link Chapter will have the Sisterhood Degree exemplified at its meeting of December 4.

Bro. A. J. Burton of Brooklyn, has loaned his MSS of the Degree of Esther to Golden Rod Chapter of Chicago, Ills.

On Nov. 16 the Grand Officers organized the first chapter at Buffalo, with 106 charter members. The society will be known as Naomi Chapter.

On Oct. 21 Ruth Chapter, Rochester, celebrated their twelfth anniversary. The program began with the conferring of the Degree of Esther. One of the Past Matrons acted as the candidate. A musical and literary entertainment followed, a historical sketch of the work of the chapter was also given. About 300 persons were in attendance. The celebration was pronounced a great success.

TEXAS.

Ransford Chapter, Houston, entertained the members of the Grand Chapter which met in that city in October and the members are lavish in their praise for the royal welcome extended and affirm that this had much

to do with the harmony and success of the meeting.

Gate City Chapter, Denison, installed the following officers Aug. 31: Mrs. Kate Burch, W. M.; Alex. Frame, W. P., Maggie Frame, A. M.; M. C. Husted, Sec.; Sister Huett, Treas.; Sister Husted, Con.; Jennie Casper, A. C.; Mattie Chambers, Adah; Sister Woodring, Ruth; Dulce Murray, Esther; Sister Case, Martha; Mattie Drake, Electa; Sister Rush, Warder; Tillie Dane, Organist. Following the installation the Floral work was given calling forth words of praise—especially was the marches commended—their beauty being added to by the appropriately colored robes worn by the officers. Gate City closed its fifth year, the most prosperous one since its organization, and begins a new year with bright prospects. Sister Maria Sherburne, P. M., deserves much credit for her untiring energy to make the chapter the banner one of Texas. Sister Sherburne was presented by Bro. Huett in behalf of the Chapter with a beautiful Past Matron's pin, and the retiring Patron, Bro. Burch, with a set ring properly engraved. Both officers were surprised and both have been untiring in their efforts to have our Order shine with greater brilliancy. Sister Sherburne has served two years and Brother Burch four years consecutively. At the regular meeting Oct. 6, two candidates were initiated, the ritual work being followed by the Floral Work. The Grand Matron, Sister Hart was present and expressed pleasure at the excellent rendition of the work and in recognition of her appreciation she invited the officers to exemplify the Floral work before the members of the Grand Chapter, which they did, receiving words of praise from all. After the close of Grand Chapter the representatives of Gate City took a run down to Galveston for a day. Nov. 3—two petitions were received and one balloted on. The W. M., Sister Burch, has arranged socials to be successively under the management of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa and the sixth with the W. M. as chairman assisted by the remaining officers.

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## WISCONSIN.

Mineral Point Chapter recently lost by death one of its charter members, Brother R. D. Pulford. The brother was one who was ever ready with an open hand and willing heart to give to the needy, advice in their troubles, sympathies in their sorrows and aid in their misfortunes. The chapter feels that by his death another link has fallen from the golden chain—they also extend heartfelt sympathies to the family.

On the evening of July 25 Orient Chapter, Mazomanie conferred the degrees. Although the evening was extremely warm, there was a good attendance, and the ice cream and cake so generously provided by the sisters was very acceptable. When we organized our Masonic brothers kindly gave us the use of their pleasant hall, and we deeply appreciate their kindness, yet thinking that we would like to have something of our "very own" distinctly Eastern Star, we thought that our first possession should be an altar, and by request of our Grand Matron, Mrs. Herrick, I will send a description of it to THE EASTERN STAR. The design was to have it a surprise to our members, and it proved to be complete. After enlisting the services of a brother who is a Master-workman in the true sense of the word, and swearing him to eternal secrecy, and giving him the design, the work progressed. Then like unto that beautiful structure, King Solomon's temple, whose stones were squared in the quarries of Akra and its timbers hewn in the forests of Lebanon, so our altar in silence was brought into our chapter-room by two master-workmen, we beheld this altar, yet "heard neither sound of hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron in its building." The altar is finished in white and gold, and upholstered in crimson plush. On its five panels are painted the beautiful floral symbols of the Eastern Star—the violet, the yellow jessamine, the Easter lily, the fern and the red rose—each constantly reminding us of the beautiful teachings of our Order. After our dedication ceremonies we considered our altar truly belonging to Eastern Star work. The first time it was used we had the pleasure of conferring the degrees upon five candidates, one for each panel. St. John's day we had a very pleasant time. We eagerly turn to Wisconsin space in THE EASTERN STAR for news from sister chapters. Can not we hear from each other oftener in this way sisters? S. C. S.

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## GRAND CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS, 1893.

I have just returned from the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, whose guest I was for the three days I spent so delightfully in the "City of Roses." The Grand Chapter convened in the Masonic Temple at ten o'clock Nov. 20, with all the Grand Officers present.

The Grand Patron, Rev. E. L. Massey, had done a noble year's work—visited forty-nine Chapters, revived nine dead ones, and organized eight new ones. The Grand Matron, Sister Ida M. Beloate, organized eight, making sixteen new Chapters formed.

It was a pleasure to meet and become personally acquainted with so many of the workers in this jurisdiction whose names were so familiar to me.

The work of the session was very much retarded by the delinquency of so many Secretaries who failed to send in their dues prior to the meeting of the Grand Chapter—only six had paid before the Grand Secretary left her home. Ninety-four paid after Monday. This made her work very heavy and prevented the Credential Committee from completing their report early in the session as they should. The report of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were also necessarily delayed but when complete showed about \$900 on hand, which was about all used up by the payment of mileage and per diem.

The following officers were elected, and were installed by myself with Bro. DeVaughn, Grand Marshal, on Tuesday evening:

Mrs. M. C. DeVaughn, Grand Matron, Waldo.

E. L. Massey, Grand Patron, Eureka Springs.

Mrs. Jennie Hopkins, Asso. Grand Matron, Mapleville.

Dr. Geo. E. Pettey, Asso. Grand Patron, Des Arc.

Mrs. Hettie Penn, Grand Secretary, Harrison.

Mrs. L. O. Donnell, Grand Treasurer, Conway.

Miss Laura Miers, Grand Conductress, Bright Star.

Mrs. Ora Oathout, Asso. Grand Conductress, Booneville.

Mrs. S. Alice Cox, Grand Lecturer, Ash Flat.

Rev. A. Dannelly, Grand Chaplain, Searcy.  
Geo. W. DeVaughn, Grand Marshal, Waldo.

Miss Lizzie Teeters, Grand Adah, Pott's Station.

Mrs. M. J. Smith, Grand Ruth, Lewisville.

Mrs. Addie Martin, Esther, Eureka Springs.

Miss Lottie Scott, Grand Martha, Argenta.

Mrs. Mattie A. Neal, Grand Electa, Greenwood.

Mrs. Gates, Grand Warder, Snowball.

Frank E. Bartlett, Grand Sentinel, Conway.

Mrs. Annie Robinson, Grand Organist, Jacksonville.

The Grand Chapter closed with the full closing ceremony by Mrs. DeVaughn, after which during the singing of the hymn "God be with you till we meet again," all clasped hands and bid each other farewell, and thus in peace and harmony closed the 18th Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

On Wednesday afternoon the election of the Grand Lodge officers took place and resulted in the election of Bro. J. M. Hoskey as Grand Master. A delegation of sisters composed of Sisters Beloate, Penn, Cox, Taylor and myself were in waiting, and calling Rev. Brother Dannelly out gave him a beautiful Floral Star on an easel, and requested him to present it to the new Grand Master. The Grand Sentinel allowed us to stand within the door and we witnessed the presentation, and saw the ever-ready speaker for once overcome. Amidst the applause of the Grand Lodge we retired to a delightful carriage drive which lasted until time for us to take our train for home. We will ever remember the courtesy and hospitality of the sisters and brothers of Arkansas.

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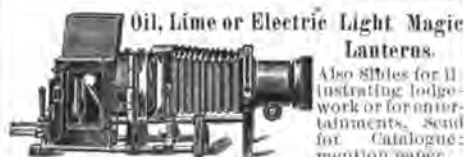
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JANUARY.

Winter! frozen pulse and heart of fire,  
What loss is theirs who from thy kingdom turn  
Dismayed, and think thy snow a sculptured urn  
Of death! Far sooner in midsummer fire  
The streams than under ice. June could not hire  
Her roses to forego the strength they learn  
In sleeping on thy breast. No fires can burn  
The bridges thou dost lay where men desire  
In vain to build.

O Heart, when Love's sun goes  
To northward, and the sounds of singing cease,  
Keep warm by inner fires, and rest in peace.  
Sleep on content, as sleeps the patient rose.  
Walk boldly on the white untrodden snows,  
The winter is the winter's own release.

—HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

A MASON'S DAUGHTER.

Or Lizzie Loring's New Year.

"No, don't want you, miss. Got more help now than I need." The store-keeper answered the girl's question gruffly, though he did not mean to be cross. It was only the holiday season, and both he and his force of clerks were worn out with the rush of trade.

He did not know—how should he—that almost a girl's life hung upon the few words he said to her, or take time to notice that she turned deadly pale as she walked out of the great, glittering store.

"It is the last time!" she breathed through her quivering lips. "There is no place in this great city, nor in the world for me. I will give up trying. Oh, papa! papa! I wish I was with you, up there in the sky! We were so happy while you lived. I wouldn't have cared for the loss of the money, if only you had been left to me."

She hastened on, drawing the shawl she wore closer around her, for the January wind blew up cold and sharp from the river. At a lonely corner she stopped an instant and muttered in set tones:

"Which shall it be? There are three things left to me—starvation, a life of shame

or the river down there. The river is the best."

She caught her breath hard once or twice, then turned again, and went straight to the pier, from beneath which the deep river flowed black and cold.

Lizzie Loring, once the petted daughter of a happy home, sat down on one of the wooden abutments of the pier and gazed steadily out over the dark waters. Then she rose with a deep sigh.

"No, I cannot do it. Some other way not so repulsive." Then she lifted her sad eyes to Heaven, and murmured piteously:

"Oh, Father above, thou wilt not judge me too harshly, because I cannot bear the burden laid upon me! Forgive me, and let me see my dear father once more. Good-bye, old earth! This New Year's Eve is the last one I shall ever see. Humanity has been so cruel, heaven will surely be kinder."

She took her tiny pocket-book from her pocket, and drew from it the last little coin she possessed in the world. Then she caught her shawl up again, and with swift feet went back into the city streets, now fast darkening into the short winter twilight.

Busy crowds were hurrying to and fro, eager to catch all the delights of the happy holiday, gayly-laden sleighs dashed along to the music of merry bells, and cheery voices rang out on the wintry air, all bright and joyous, except the lonely maiden who was hastening to her untimely doom.

She went straight through the glittering throng, neither looking to right nor left, until she reached a large drug store. She entered it, and asked the clerk for the worth of the little coin she laid on the counter in laudatum. He glanced half suspiciously at her and asked:

"What do you want it for, miss?"

"To make me sleep. I suffer with headache, until I cannot rest. I know how much to take, with safety."

"All right, then. I beg your pardon, miss, but you know we have to be careful."

"Certainly. It is of no consequence," said

Lizzie, calmly. The clerk put up the drug, pasted a "Poison" label upon the bottle, and gave it to her.

She took it, and quietly went out of the store. As she stepped into the street, she almost ran against two well-dressed gentlemen, who were passing.

"Excuse me!" she said quickly, and as she looked up, she caught sight of a small golden emblem hanging from the watch-chain of one of the strangers. It was not very valuable—a few dollars would have purchased it in any jeweler's shop, but the sudden sight of it brought the blood in a flash to Lizzie's pale cheek, and half-imploringly, she stretched out her hands to it. It was a Mason's badge, such as she had seen her father wear, in his lifetime, and knew that he prized very highly. At that moment she had clasped at her throat a tiny Masonic pin which had been her father's, the only trinket left to her of former ornaments, and which she clung to for his sake.

Only a single instant were the longing hands held out, then they dropped, and with a sound which was half a sigh, and half a moan of anguish, Lizzie hastened away.

But the gentleman who wore the golden badge, stopped short and said to his companion:

"Did you see that?"

"Yes, I noticed that the girl was startled by the sight of your badge. I don't think she saw mine, for my overcoat is buttoned up. Did you see that she had a little Mason's pin at her neck?"

"No, I didn't notice it. But Fred, she looked so distressed! I wonder if she can be a Mason's daughter, and in trouble, this glad New Year's night?"

"I don't know, Foster. Perhaps she was only frightened by running into us."

"If I thought," the gentleman who had been called Foster paused for a little, then added: "If she is in trouble, we ought to look after her, Fred."

"Yes. Wonder who she is? But if we stand here, we shall be late at the dinner. It

won't be good form to keep a party waiting, will it?"

"No, I dare say it is only fancy, after all. Come on."

They started on, but had only gone a few steps when Mr. Foster resolutely stopped again, and said:

"Fred, you may go on, if you like. I can't get that girl's face out of my mind! I tell you, there's a tragedy in it. I'm going to hunt her up. This demands it." He touched the little badge significantly. Fred Harris quickly answered:

"I am a Mason, too, Dick. If you go, I go with you, in spite of all the New Year's parties in town. But do you think we can find her again?"

"We'll try. Let's go back to that drug store."

They hurried back, and asked the clerk for information concerning the young lady in black, who had just left the store.

"Well, I can't tell you much," said he. "She wanted some laudanum, and when I questioned her, said she needed it to make her sleep, because she was suffering with neuralgia, headache or something. I felt sort o' doubtful when I gave her the stuff, she looked so dreadful."

"Can you tell us where she lives? What is her name?"

"Her name I don't know. She has bought things here, several times, though. I think I took her address, once, for an order. I'll see."

He turned to his book, and presently came back to them:

"Yes, here's the name—Lizzie Loring, room 12, 168 Pine Street. Rather a poor place that Pine Street. Must be a sewing girl, or something like that."

"We can find her, now. Thank you," said Mr. Foster. And the two hurried from the store. "It begins to look serious, Dick," said Fred Harris. "Since it was poison she bought, we had best make all the speed we can."

"Yes. I hope we will be in time, Fred. I feel as if we were specially sent to her, some way. Here, this is Pine Street—now for the number."

They found it immediately—a dingy tenement house, where only want and sorrow would seek a home.

A word or two, and a silver coin slipped in the hand of the slatternly woman who came to the door, and they were bidden to go up to the third floor, and look for No. 12.

"Here it is," said Mr. Foster, as they reached the top of the stairs. He rapped at the closed door once, twice, three times, but it was not opened. They heard no sound from within.

"Try the door," suggested Fred.

Mr. Foster turned the handle—the door opened, and they stood in a small, poorly furnished room, with one window, and a rusty little stove, cold and fireless, in spite of the January weather.

Wrapped still in her shawl, with the bottle of laudanum in her hand, the pale girl they sought, sat in a broken chair by the cold stove. She raised her eyes, as they came in, and sprang to her feet.

"I thought it was some of the women—I did not want to be disturbed," she said, with a quick, eager tone. "I did not think you would care."

"My child, what were you about to do?" asked Dick Foster, as he gently took the hand which held the bottle, and drew the poison from her fingers.

"I was about to end all my misery," she cried. "I could bear no more! It was starve or die. I have been all over this city, begging for work, and found none. What is it to you?"

"This." And Foster touched the little golden badge again, "Are you a Mason's wife or daughter?"

"I was a Mason's daughter. My father is dead."

"Then you have found fathers and brothers in us, Lizzie Loring. Is that your name?"

"Yes. How did you know it?"

"Why did you not speak to us, when we met you this evening?" asked Mr. Foster, not taking time to answer her question. "Did you not know we were bound to care for and protect you?"

"I did think of that, but I feared you might not believe me if I spoke to you. But I can tell you all my life, and prove it, by old neighbors in the town I came from."

"Maybe we shall care to hear you sometime. It is enough just now, that you are in our charge, and in want. She suddenly reeled, and Fred Harris caught her and placed her in the chair.

"Dick, I believe she is starving!" he exclaimed. "When did you eat anything, Miss Loring?"

"Yesterday. I had no money to pay for food, to-day, and I dare not ask for it, without money. I already owe the woman who keeps the house," answered the poor girl with a hot blush.

"Good heavens! starving on New Year's night, in a city like this!" cried Mr. Foster. "But you shall not suffer again, my dear child. Fred, run, call a cab, as quick as you can."

"But where—where would you take me?" asked Lizzie, half frightened.

"To my mother's house, where you will find her and my sisters ready to welcome you," was the prompt reply. "Don't fear to trust us—we are Masons, you know."

"I do not fear—I will not—I will go wherever you choose to take me," said the girl. "But, listen one moment, gentlemen. I do not know your names, or what you are, but I tell you now, in the name of the Order you have saved a life, this night. If you had not come, in one moment more I would have swallowed the poison, to escape the burden of life I could no longer endure."

"Then, thank God!" said Mr. Foster, sol-

emnly, while both the men reverently took off their hats, and stood with bowed heads before the shivering girl. "Thank God for the tie of brotherhood this New Year's night, and the service we have been led to seek. Go now, Fred, let us hasten—every minute is precious while she suffers with cold and hunger."

Fred Harris needed no second bidding. He flew down the rickety stairs, and by the time Mr. Foster had seen the slovenly landlady, and paid her what Lizzie owed for rent, the carriage was at the door.

The young girl was carefully placed inside, the order given, and they rolled away toward the Foster home, neither Dick nor Fred caring for the loss of the brilliant dinner to which they had been invited.

A little later, warmed, fed and comforted, "as one whom his mother comforteth," Lizzie Loring was lying to rest in a snowy white bed, upon soft pillows, watched over by Dick's sweet-faced mother, while the lovely sisters hovered about anxious to do all they could for the pretty, pale stranger.

So, when the next morning dawned bright and fair, instead of lying cold in death, she woke to happy life among kind and loving friends.

Tenderly was she cared for, until returning strength gave her power to work, and then a pleasant place, at fair wages, was obtained for her, through the kindness of her Masonic brothers. She still boarded at the Foster's, for they would not give her up. Fred Harris, who had always been a frequent visitor, came so often, that the family began to smile and predict that before long, sweet Lizzie Loring would change her name, and be not only a Mason's daughter, but a happy Mason's wife.

MATTIE DYER BRITTS.

Sleep as a prolonger of life is upheld by a curious calculation which appeared in a recent medical work on the digestive organ and faculties. The duration of human life may be ascertained by the pulsations of the body. Say a man lives to seventy years, his heart beating 60 to the minute; the pulsations in that time foot up 2,207,520,000. If by intemperance or any other cause he raises pulsation to seventy-five a minute, the same number of pulsations would be finished in fifty-six years, thereby abbreviating his life by fourteen years. And as the number of pulsations is less in a sleeping than in a waking state, it stands to reason that a long sleeper has a much better prospect of long life than a person who is satisfied with short naps. Napoleon I, who slept very little, never attained old age; Gen. Butler, who could sleep at will, rounded out a good ripe sheaf of years.—Exchange.

The better part of every man's education is that which he gives himself.—James Russell Lowell.



## THE OLD YEAR.

(Golden Hours.)

We watched the springtime's robe of green,  
The summer's wondrous wealth of flowers.  
The stain where autumn's touch had been,  
The gloom of winter's darkening hours.  
A moment now we turn to look  
Along the path the year has trod,  
Ere yet the angel bears the book  
Of good and evil up to God.

The time has vanished. What is won  
When we have counted up our gains?  
The time has vanished. What is done—  
Of all our toil what end remains?  
The storm clouds darken over life,  
The wheat dies out, the tares take root;  
And in our hearts the seeds of strife  
Spring up and bear a bitter fruit.

So was it ever. So it must  
Be ever till the end draws near,  
The spirit fettered by the dust,  
Must ever strive for mastery here.  
Well for us that through life's dark loom  
A wiser hand the shuttle throws;  
Well for us that amid the gloom  
A ray of comfort comes—He knows.

He knows, and He can understand.  
To weary hearts the thought should be  
A fountain in an arid land,  
A rainbow o'er the stormy sea.  
The year has gone on rapid wing,  
The past is dark, the future dim;  
We know not yet what life may bring—  
He knows—and we can trust to Him.

## RUTH.

For—I never did repent for doing good,  
Nor shall not now; for in companions  
That do converse and waste the time together,  
Whose souls do bear an equal yoke of love,  
There must be needs a like proportion  
Of lineaments, of manners and of spirit.  
—Merchant of Venice.

The history of Ruth is a most important one as regards the association; it is the moving power or spirit, it points out the intent and purpose. While people may band together for an object, and while they may legislate and deliberate for any laudable enterprise still there must be a higher motive than the mere one of personal help, aid, or gain. The character of Ruth reminds us of the necessity of devotion to religious principles. Our Order does not supplant those societies devoted to the cause of religion, it does not in any way take place or supercede them in any manner. When any imputation or reflection is cast towards our institution for interference it is unwarranted. Our mission although of equal importance with the monster organizations in the interest of the one cause, yet we do not desire any conflict or interdiction. In Ruth we see the beauty of devotion. As she forsook wealth to dwell with her own chosen few, so we should profit by her example, and make devotion a prominent one in all our work.

Following the moral plan even in fraternal societies has a most salutary influence. The spirit of this character Ruth, is the inclination to morality. I have heard persons say that our Order is equivalent to the church. I think that if the framer of this Rite should hear this remark; he would say most emphatically, No!

I presume that due consideration was not given to the importance or intent of the remark. Certainly the nature was unappreciated. Our Order, is neither a substitute nor a new creation of worship. We make no claim to interference, on the contrary our object is to follow morality while engaged in a work that introduces fraternity, sociability and relief.

Even in these three fields there is ample opportunity for practicing the ground work of the moral law. Introducing devotion as a primary feature has very many advantages that do not appear on a casual observation. We do not see the wisdom of our science until it has been severely tested. Devotion creates veneration and reverence. I am not sure but that it also creates and preserves regard and esteem, and I opine to the theory that it increases the bonds of love and respect, that go so far toward making friendship true and perpetual. Hence in deliberating carefully over devotion we see that it is a word of power in our Order, that its influence is one of the most potent incentives to the direction of the principles that hold us together as a compact or fraternity.

While Ruth is second she is entitled to the full honors of the previous heroine. Both are noble and great, and both have their especial line of action and instruction. We admire each for her zeal and loyalty. But Ruth is not secondary even if she represents the second point of our central Star.

Without devotion we could not comprehend the nature of the vow, therefore both Adah and Ruth are of like importance, and in strict harmony with each other. With the character of Ruth we do not see the force and power of the other heroine; but what is lacking in magnitude is made up in zeal, unostentatious, but equally as effective. In this respect Ruth may supercede, for the reason that in her quiet, calm but expressive manner she illustrates a principle that has no superiority. We cannot, with strict propriety, credit this quietness to the character as to the principle, illustrated through the instrumentality of the character.

Is this not the peculiarity of religion? There is no pomp and ceremony to religion, and in Ruth we have the characteristic expressed through her unassuming life. No more fitting pattern of devotion can be named than in the scenes of Ruth and Boaz, in the harvest fields of Moab. In her life I am reminded that it is not the most demonstrative action that speaks the loudest. It is a pleasure to recount these histories, to read them over, to con the most enjoyable passages, and to meditate and ponder over the various phases of life therein expressed. Ruth is admired for the reversed spirit of the first heroine. It is most pleasing to review these subjects always interesting, and always attractive, because they depict life itself, and if we study the daily occurrences of our community we will observe the example of Ruth

as conspicuous as in the past. The lesson to be deduced from Ruth is confined to a single issue, but no less important than the previous one. Devotion has a tendency to make us systematic. By observing certain sanctity we are inclined to the practice of deeds that are full of sincerity, honor and kindred qualities.

"All places that the eye of heaven visits,  
Are to a wise man ports and happy havens."

This seems to interpret the tendency of devotion. It makes clear the force and nature as it refers to us. It seems to reconcile all doubts and hinderances, and it makes plain any mists that obstructs and obscures the real intent or plan. It gives the Order character and stability, because the actuations of the word have a corresponding power over the entire work.

"Only the actions of the just  
Smell sweet, and blossom in the dust."

These acts of reverence are the means often of cultivating and softening our passions, and are a like means of making us uniform and consistent. It is extremely difficult to enumerate just what devotion does for our Order, but we do see that the mission of the word is a vast and comprehensive one. I might take another line of thought, and prove quite clearly that in these Orders the highest and most exalted devotion can be manifested. Certainly the great object is to die well and to accomplish the same we must live well. We can observe the decalogue just as minutely as recognized members of these Orders as of the church itself. It is not in this spirit that we wish to act, on the contrary, we simply introduce the words in our ceremonies as one of great influence; one that directs our thoughts that are always noticeable, and one that makes our deliberations in strict conformity to the system that our Grand Patron on High inaugurated when he made the sentiment of the golden rule the primary definition of devotion. The word in itself may mean regard and respect or attachment.

All of these are components of our Order, but the framer desired to make the lesson more explicit, he has therefore made it devotion to religious principles. He considered that the introduction of this form would have a good tendency.

I doubt if any more devoutness could be expressed than is witnessed in our work, and this thought shows conclusively the wisdom displayed by the framer. Again the practice of devotion to religious principles makes us better fitted to enter large fields of labor should our inclination and opportunity so lead us.

This beautiful history is much to be admired for the womanly grace she displayed in leaving to posterity one of the most elegant examples of life as it bears on the moral law. Its study and attention show, without doubt, that it demands our earnest endeavor, and that its fulfillment insures a home eternal in the land beyond.

A. J. BURTON.

## THE EASTERN STAR.

## And its Benefits to Women as an Educational Organization.

[By Harriet A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer. Read at Woman's Congress, May 16, 93, at Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois.]

Woman as a member of the Body Politic is in a transition state. Although in some parts of the world she has risen from that secluded estate so long considered her only proper sphere, yet the progress she has made is but a small fraction she will make during the incoming century.

The protracted existence and high character of the Masonic Institution is known throughout the intelligent world. It is the most revered and useful Order extant. Being founded upon Scriptural teaching, and guided only by Bible light, its perpetuity and continued usefulness are secure. Such being the case it could not be expected otherwise, than that after enlightened woman had discharged her duty to her home and her church, that her quickened curiosity should find in Masonry a subject for her affectionate investigation.

The wife or daughter of a Master Mason cannot fail to discover that the experiences of the lodge are exercising a deep and lasting influence upon his life and conduct. Being convinced of the benevolent character of that influence, still more does the fond wife or the affectionate daughter yearn to fathom the mystery of this profound Brotherly Love. The mere fact that the terms of its constitution forbid women from witnessing the Ritual of the Ancient Order cannot hinder her from absorbing its spirit. The glory of Masonry shines all around, and the Mason's family has always basked in its blessed light, and the peculiar virtues of the Order have for ages been the property of the women as well as the men. Since women possess the pure grain, why need they care for the mere husk, of that particular Ritual used by the men. Though the Ritual may be the husk yet it is as indispensable to fraternal development, as is the husk to the ripening wheat. If we are correctly informed by those who have the opportunity to know, the Eastern Star is provided with a ritual second to none. Its beauty and its teachings are now becoming the warp and woof of the character of thousands of women in this happy land of ours.

The Order of the Eastern Star provides women with a proper and genial field of action. While women are exerting themselves socially in a manner more prominent than in the past, yet the great mass of them will never wish to throng the marts of trade and thoroughfares of travel. Generally speaking, women will not navigate ships, manage railroad train, or dominate Boards of Trade. Comparatively few women will preach, practice law or take the rostrum. Her constitutional characteristics will demand and secure

posts of duty and endeavor, less conspicuous. The semi-publicity and semi-seclusion of the Chapter room are peculiar features that are adapted to the disposition and tastes of the average woman. Surrounded by brothers and sister, her ambition can find ample scope and her modesty due protection.

No changes of condition or modes of procedure will ever materially effect the fundamental and peculiar distinctive features of men and women. Men will fight the battles and women will predominate in the hospital. Women must feel that they have surroundings, support and sympathy in order that they may do their best work. Men may try to carry the world by storm and partially succeed. Women seek to move the world by sympathy and eventually will fully succeed. When the Iron Age and the Golden Age have passed away, the Heart Age will begin. When brute forces have ceased to avail, then spiritual forces will be the only moving powers. Men's powers are aggressive, women's persuasive. The proper field of the aggressor is the battle-field and Forum. The arena of the persuader is the conference room and the Chapter.

Most women can do best surrounded by walls and covered by roofs. These confining barriers seem to aid in concentrating their forces and securing desired results. There is peculiar power in privacy, and personal work is deepest in effects. Nevertheless, very many women will make themselves felt in a more public way. For those who are preparing to do so, the Eastern Star Chapters serve a useful purpose. The limited number and superior character of the persons who compose our Chapters afford the best encouragement to the timorous. In the sacred inclosure where privacy prevails and the spirit of fraternity predominates, the timid but true soul can initiate an expansion and growth that eventually may flourish in a wider field. It is necessary that these nurseries of endeavor shall exist, that precious beginnings may be made, to be followed by blessed endings.

Our Chapters afford schools of culture in elocution and extemporaneous speaking. How many a maiden, while delivering a heroine's lecture, commences a career of great usefulness as a public speaker. Not only does she later adorn the office of Matron, but following the bent of a laudable ambition and inspired with a glowing spirit, she takes a firm position on the public rostrum. The affairs of our Chapter afford ample scope for the formation and expression of opinion. The practice of discussion and voting in support of opinion is one of the most important schools in life. The successful management of fraternal affairs demands discretion and tact. The study of human nature in its infinite variety becomes a necessity. The Worthy Matron who has for a year so prudently dealt with her members as to obtain the approval of all, has attained a victory of

which she may well be proud. She has shown her competency to assume almost any public station.

But chiefest of all our Chapters are nurseries of benevolence. They exist because love and sympathy demand exercise and encouragement. By the means which the Chapters afford, the women are enabled to go outside their own families and find worthy objects on which to bestow loving kindnesses.

Through the instrumentality of the Eastern Star many angels of Mercy may be brought from obscurity to shed the light of love and affection in many hearts and homes which otherwise would be cheerless and forlorn. Therefore the Order of the Eastern Star inculcates for women true bravery and tender mercy.

"The brave love mercy, and delight to save."

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

[Published by request.]

Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Rebecca Battey, mother of D. C. Battey, P. G. P. of Kansas.

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our Chapter to the supreme Chapter above, our dearly beloved sister, Rebecca Battey, therefore be it

Resolved by Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., that while we deeply mourn the loss of our sister from our midst, yet we rejoice in the firm belief that she is now enjoying her well earned reward for a well spent, long and useful life here below.

Resolved further, That we hereby tender to the family of our deceased sister, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and assure them our loss is mutual. Though we do not mourn as those without hope, and earnestly look forward to a glorious reunion when the Grand Patron of the Universe shall summon us to that blissful meeting in the heavenly Chapter, where there is neither parting nor sorrow, but eternal joy and happiness.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Chapter and an engrossed copy be furnished the family of our deceased sister under seal of the Chapter.

J. S. COLLINS,  
SARAH PORTER, } Com.  
ELLEN HUMPHREY,

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## AUNT LUCIA ABROAD.

[Garden City Herald, Garden City, Kansas.]

CRYSTAL PALACE LONDON, ENGLAND.

Nearly every ancient Roman town had its amphitheatre, where they assembled to witness combats between men and animals, but the coliseum of Rome was the largest of all and could seat eighty-seven thousand spectators. As I had seen models in Paris of the Pantheon of Rome, viz: the Madelaine Church, the Pantheon and the Bourse. I was anxious to study this ancient "temple of the gods" but that shadow "hot dinner" still pursued us and we hurried through the Alhambra court where was a fac-simile of the living room of the Moorish King Yusuf I 1348, to the tropical department; oh, joy, the temperature is changed to render it congenial to the plants, birds, etc., which live here. Opposite is a refreshment counter. "Mr. waiter, we are almost starved, will you order us a hot dinner immediately?" "Sorry madam, but you will have to go a long ways for that, near the entrance, we keep nothing hot, but everything cold." We started again, passing through the Orangery, Aquarium and Monkey house, and entered the Byrantine court. In this place are some recumbent effigies of French monarchs and their queens. Queen Eleanor who was successively wife of Louis VII of France and Henry of England, attracted my attention. The recumbent effigy of Queen Elizabeth represents her as stern, rigid, cold and masculine, a great contrast to her beautiful rival, Mary Queen of Scots. Farther on we saw statues of Cromwell, James II, who died at St. Germain, France, and whose tomb we visited in the little chapel opposite the Palace, also a recumbent statue of Charles II and several French kings. But cold marble was not suggestive of a "hot dinner," to me at least. But that "hot dinner,"—must I hurry through the Pompeian court, and only get a bird's eye view of a fac-simile of a living room, previous to that great eruption which covered from mortal view those doomed cities for so many centuries? At last we have found the right place and "Mr. Garcon, we are nearly starved to death (not me, for I do own I was to vexed to be hungry). We want hot potatoes, hot omelette, hot roast, hot pudding and a pot of hot coffee, and be quick about it, too, and here is a five-pound note that I want changed." The hot dinner was consumed, the waiters were hurried to and fro, and acted as though they were mad, and the one that took the note was gone so long that we feared he had run off with it, and she (not me) sent another to find him. Two others were dispatched before we heard from the note. He said the cashier was out and he had to wait, but we didn't know but what he was lying, for he looked sneaking, anyway. We did not care if they were mad, we paid for our dinner, anyway they were a slow, impolite set, and I caught them snickering and winking at each other. I felt like saying

look here I guess you don't know who we are, why, your gracious king Edward was in our line, and if he had not died childless I might have been queen, instead of the one who sits on the British throne now, Queen Lucia, but of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, "what I might have been." And my chaperone, who was she? Once the wife of a noted American General, in her young days the belle of New York City and now heir to \$50,000 a year. Sometimes people make fun of their betters.

Meantime dinner is over, the waiters each receive a small fee, and now it is time to go home and we went. Moral, do not go sight-seeing with uncongenial persons, whether they are rich or poor. They are always on the contrary side. If you want to walk they are sure to be too tired or vice versa. I was so annoyed with that class, while abroad that I feel like urging every one intending to visit the old country to be careful in their selection of traveling companions.

Daughter and myself spent a very agreeable day out to Sydenham, after Madam returned to Paris. We took lunch out there and remained to see the fireworks which were very fine. When we paid for our lunch the waiter said "Madam, you have forgotten the fee." Daughter said, "I should be ashamed to give a tall, fine-looking man like you a small fee, for we called for an inexpensive lunch." "We receive the smallest fee, gratefully, madam," he said, which proved to be true. This everlasting feeling is a nuisance and should be done away with, both in this country and elsewhere. Who ever hires help should pay them and not expect the public to do it for them. So decided Aunt Lucia.

## SHE SLEEPS.

At her home in Trenton, Ont., on Thursday, November 23, after a long and painful illness rest came to Mrs. John A. W. Meyers. She was the beloved mother of Sister Carrie M. Fanning, Past Grand Matron of Indiana.

Louise M. Hilduth was born in Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1817, and had one more day been allotted her she would have counted the seventy-sixth anniversary of her birth.

In 1838 she went to Ontario, where for two years she taught school. In 1840 she was married to John A. W. Meyers, who with six children survive her. Eight children were born to them but two sons preceded the mother to the better land.

Early in life she enlisted in the Christian army and during her life, even to the end she was an earnest devoted soldier of the cross.

In the various relations of life she was kind as a neighbor, devoted as a wife and loving as a mother.

When all life's toils are o'er,  
And earthly suns shall set,  
She will on that bright shore  
Receive the coronet;  
Bow mid the splendor of the throne  
And be with Christ in Heaven at Home.

## LETTER FROM GRAND MATRON OF KANSAS.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Through your columns I can reach so many of my sisters and brothers who are always anxious to hear from Kansas.

September 25 was Kansas Day at O. E. S. headquarters at World's Fair, and one long to be remembered. Assisted by the Grand Treasurer and also the daughter of the M. W. G. M., Miss Irene Snedden, we cordially welcomed all who came and suffice it to say that the register of that day will compare favorably with any reception day of our Order. To Sister Pitkin is due the heartfelt thanks of all members of our Order for her earnest zeal and labor. She has indeed made us all feel proud of her. Ever at her post, with a sweet smile, and "will you register" has gained for us words of praise. She has been our standard-bearer, and not only brought our Order to the notice of all the States of the Union, but to foreign countries. Let each State profit by her example, and work for our beautiful Order, and like the parent who gave us birth we will be able to recognize and greet each other in every land. As the Grand Representative of Kansas I must speak of the work of our own Sister Hepler, the beautiful design gotten up by her, and which was indeed, an adornment to Headquarters—the picture of Rob Morris in the garb of a High Priest, and the many stars thereon painted, showing the number of Chapters represented. The sentiment therein conveyed was grand, and said we as Stars must be guided, as was the wise men of old, by the Star of Bethlehem. Sister Hepler has much to feel proud of when she looks upon that picture and notes the growth of years, and feels that she has labored not in vain.

Many are looking for my report of Chapters visited since my return from the White City. So for a brief sketch of my thirteen visits:

First comes Iola. Nov. 9 I was met at the train by Bro. Tozer, and taken to his home, and was kindly welcomed by his daughter, Sister Crow, W. M., who is deeply interested in her work. Many of the members were sick, so after dinner we called on the sick, and in the evening was surprised to find such a goodly number present. The Worthy Patron's wife was dangerously ill, I hope she is better. I spent a very pleasant time and the work was exemplified so that I might correct or instruct. After the work a banquet was served and I was well pleased with Salem Chapter.

November 10 found me at Colony, a very small place. Many of the members were kept at home by sickness. I held a school of instruction in the afternoon, as we could not have the hall in the evening. I was entertained by Sister Ewing and had a very enjoyable evening. The Worthy Matron and her husband spent a part of the evening with us.

November 11 I went to Leroy and was met by Sister Mitchell, W. M., and Sister Schlutter, Sec., both of whom I had met before at

Grand Chapter, Pittsburg and Topeka. I was the guest of Sister Mitchell, until Sunday evening when I started for a ride of three miles to take the train for Burlington, where I arrived at 6:30. Sister Jarboe, W. M., met me. I enjoyed my visit at the beautiful home of Sister Jarboe, the tall pine trees reminding me of my childhood home. Many called on Monday, and in the evening the work was exemplified—one candidate being initiated. The work was well rendered. They have a No. 1 choir and the music made the ceremonies very impressive. After labor came refreshments.

November 14, in order to reach Lebo I had to take a ride of twenty-two miles in a conveyance, which I cannot say I enjoyed, as the day was cold, but engagements had to be kept. On reaching there I found that the Rebekahs had the hall for that night. The Chapter had prepared for an afternoon session for next day, but I could not stop over. So the Worthy Matron and I started out to see what could be done. We called upon the Noble Grand of the Rebekahs and explained the situation, and she very kindly said they would get through early and give way to the Eastern Star, for which we are very much indebted. The Worthy Patron, Bro. Jennings, was at Topeka, but a telegram reached him, so that he was able to be present. I must say that Orphah Chapter, being only an infant, not yet a year old, would cause many an older Chapter to feel that they were not up in the work. An oyster supper was served on short notice, and I shall always remember Orphah Chapter.

November 15 I went to Quenemo, where I was the guest of Sister Crum, W. M. I had a very pleasant time—many called during the afternoon. Attended Chapter in the evening, one candidate was initiated under dispensation. As usual, a banquet followed and I felt that I had much to be thankful for, each and every one made it so pleasant for me.

November 16 found me at Lyndon. The Worthy Matron was sick and the Associate Matron, Sister Downer, did the honors of the East in a very becoming manner. I received favors from Sisters Downer, Vail and Rogers while in Lyndon, and shall ever remember their kindness. The work was well rendered, after which the Chapter closed and a regular love feast was held. Refreshments were served.

November 17 found me enroute for Osage City. I was met by Sister Freund, W. M., and as at Lyndon, was the guest of three different sisters, as each invited me to spend a part of my time with them. After the Chapter closed we were invited to the cozy home of Sister and Brother Rader, where the members of Ruth Chapter had prepared an elegant banquet, after which some excellent instrumental and vocal music was furnished by some of the members. A jolly time was enjoyed and all seemed sorry when the time arrived to depart.

November 18 I started for Cottonwood Falls and was surprised and glad when Sister Gibson boarded the train at Emporia. Glad also that she had a special invitation to meet the Grand Matron, as she had re-organized this Chapter about a year ago. We were met by Worthy Matron Rockwood and Sister Grewell and Professor Kyser, which was indeed a very great surprise, as I had known the brother from his childhood, but did not know he was located at Cottonwood Falls, and that he was an O. E. S. Sister Grewell held a reception for me at her beautiful home and words fail to describe the affair. The Chapter was in good working order and the work was well exemplified. Sunday again, and as I had promised Sister Rader I would return to Osage City there to take the train for Herington, but I must needs wait over a couple of hours, and my good sister with others met me, and I was the better for having a good dinner that my thoughtful sister had prepared.

At Herington the Worthy Matron and my Grand Esther, Sister Lapham, met me, and as in most cases I was the guest of the Worthy Matron. I was indeed glad that it was a Sabbath evening, and being too tired to go to church, I spent a quiet evening with the Worthy Matron, Sister Henlen, her sister-in-law and Dr. Henlen, her brother. Monday it rained and I was afraid the attendance at Chapter would be small, but I was happily disappointed, as carriages were sent out for all the members, and a full attendance was had. This was the first and only Chapter that used robes, and I was delighted with their work. I made a few suggestions in regard to the floral work. To say that Esther Chapter is prosperous is speaking mildly. They have everything that makes the work beautiful. I must here mention that their Chapter-room is small, but they have indeed a scheme of making it into a banquet hall so quickly. They have tables made of flooring, matched and in sections, each section 3 x 12, and trusses or horses upon which to place them. The sections are fastened by hooks. It is only a few minutes' work to place them and all is so quickly done. It seemed to be so easy I was taken with it, and thinking some other Chapter might like the idea, I her mention it. I had a very delightful visit with Esther Chapter, and was loth to leave.

November 21 found me at Abilene. I was the guest of Sister Spangler until Chapter time. It being a regular meeting after the business of the Chapter a mock initiation was gone through with. The work was well rendered. After adjournment a reception was given at the home of Sister Naill. A. M., and a very bountiful lunch was served to which all did ample justice, after which various games were enjoyed in a progressive manner, and I became the owner of a beautiful china cup and saucer. It was nearly morning when we bid our hostess farewell—Sister Ida Moore claiming me as her guest for the next three hours, as I had to leave at 4 a. m.

to keep my engagement. I was loth to leave and felt as though I had hardly gotten to Abilene before I had to leave, but I am in hopes I can spare the time to again visit the sisters who were disappointed with my short stay in their beautiful city.

Arrived at Emporia Nov. 22, and was taken to the home of Sister Gibson, as the Worthy Matron, Sister Harris, was very sick. After a short rest I called to see Sister Harris and learned from her that she would not be able to leave her bed for some time. A special dispensation had been given Miriam Chapter to elect officers out of time, their next regular meeting would be Dec. 27, and the members had been notified. Sister Harris said the Associate Matron would preside, which she did. The Chapter was opened in due form and there were a number of visitors present from Lebo, McPherson, and four of Gabriel Chapter's members who are attending school at Emporia. Brother Jennings, for the good of the Order, recited a beautiful poem which could not fail to touch the hearts of all who heard it and give them food for thought. After work came election, and Sister Harris was re-elected Worthy Matron, and I hope she will be fully recovered by Dec. 27, as I understood that the A. F. & A. M., R. A. M. and Eastern Star always have joint installation. A banquet was in order and all went well. As is always the case, the brothers did justice to the spread.

On Nov. 23 I started homeward, expecting to stop over that evening in Ottawa with Sister Mottram, G. Sec., and reach home the 24th, but we do not always know what is in store for us. Sister Mottram informed me that a Special had been called, in honor of my visit, for the evening of the 24th. I was glad to get a night's rest, and submitted myself gracefully to the situation and took a much needed rest. On the morning of the 24th I called on Sister Young, P. G. M., and spent a very pleasant day with her. I returned to Sister Mottram's and prepared to attend Chapter. It being a special, and having two Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Mottram and Young, always with them, they did not need instructions from me. The time was spent in a social way. A sumptuous repast was served, and we all had a good time. I enjoyed very much the kindness of my sisters in Union Chapter, and am under obligations to Sister Mottram for the many kind services she renders me, in not only her official capacity, but socially. In conclusion will say I did find small innovation in our work in some of the Chapters, while they were only small now they might grow large, and I cautioned them to avoid in the future anything that would add to or take from our Ritual, and showed them where it would end if such things were allowed. I found the Chapters all in a prosperous condition with one exception, and the only cause for this one seems to be that there is no material for work; the town small and at a stand still.

ELIZABETH MAGIE, G. M.



## IN MEMORIAM.

Orient Chapter, Laporte, Ind., has been called upon to part with one of its valued members—"one by one each link shall fall away in death." Brother William H. Parker answered the call September 20, after a painful illness. He served in the army during the war, locating after its close in Laporte which has since been his home. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R. At the time of his death he was Secretary of Orient Chapter, O. E. S.—his wife, Sister Emily Parker, holding the position of Worthy Matron. Beside his wife he leave a son and daughter to mourn his loss. While we sorrow it is not as those without hope, for unto those who are faithful unto the end, there awaits a crown of life.

Sister Rebecca Brewer after a long and painful illness entered into rest Dec. 25. She was a sojourner among us, being here for medical aid, but her sweet christian patience won all hearts, and the regret of both Queen Esther and Naomi Chapter members was that they could in no way relieve her suffering. On the Day of Days she journeyed to Paradise, her way lighted by the Star of Bethlehem.

Of her immediate family a husband, young son and little daughter still remain.

By her request Queen Esther Chapter held the burial service, the members of both Chapters joining in paying to the departed sister the last offering of love.

## THE ADVENT OF THE NEW YEAR.

Begin, be bold, and venture to be wise.  
He who defers his work from day to day,  
Does on a river bank expect to stay,  
Till the whole stream which stopped him should be gone.

That runs, and as it runs, forever will run on.

At no period are we as thoughtful as at the beginning of a New Year. There is no reason whatever that should make us especially reflective at this time, but for some unexplained cause the very ushering in of the New Year inclines our minds to thought and rumination.

An Italian philosopher said "time is my estate." It may be that the very sentiment of the above extract accounts for our serious appreciation of the New Year.

Were we to apportion out the past year we would undoubtedly observe that a major part has been wasted, whereas if a careful economy of time had been manifested our accomplishments would have resulted far beyond what has been actually achieved.

There is nothing so self-evident as the march of time. Its onward course constantly reminds us of our condition and being. These annual festivals of the New Year have but the usual effect of making us contemplative and reflective. None should be gloomy or despondent at this particular season, but on the contrary, full of zeal and ardor that the feelings of neglect may be avoided at the coming of the next New Year.

A proper and consistent observance will allow no cause of regret for opportunities and time utterly disregarded and unheeded.

The New Year should make us joyous and jubilant that we are even permitted to begin it. We must take advantage of the occasion so that no circumstance will intervene to make remorse and guilt overshadow what should be the most felicitous and auspicious event of the year, viz.: its advent. A. J. B.

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shall reign and shine in God's great firmament on High—and we are left to sympathize, aid and comfort the loved ones left to our care. I have just acknowledged the receipt of our Sister Pitkin's "Eastern Star Corner," which came to me as a gift from the hand of our R. W. Grand Secretary. I, who was one of the very few who were unable to visit the World's Fair, can thus get a glimpse of the (to our Order) chief attraction, at this wonderful White City. This is a priceless gift to me, I value it for the giver's sake, as well as for the significance it has as an Eastern Star souvenir. May our Sister Pitkin find ready sale for her beautiful picture, and thereby be remunerated for the personal funds used in the keeping of the "Corner" at the great Columbian Exposition of 1893.

ANNA E. MUSSELMAN, G. M.

OREGON.

Myrtle Chapter, Portland, while it does not count the past year as one of especial success has added thirty-six to its membership, and the financial condition is a source of gratification. After all the demands are met there will be a surplus and \$150 loaned at 7 per cent.

TEXAS.

Your correspondent, in company with Mrs. Mary E. Gregory and Mrs. Lucy Slawson went to Zephyr in Brown County Dec. 16, and perfected the organization of Zephyr Chapter, with 49 charter members. Mrs. M. E. Bradbury, W. M.; Rev. A. R. Watson, W. P.; Mrs. S. S. Turney, A. M.; Miss Dora Turney, Sec.—a splendid corps of officers. The entire day was spent in the organization and exemplification of the work. The Blue Lodge appropriated twenty-five dollars out of its treasury to pay for the dispensation. This is the third chapter organized since the meeting of our Grand Chapter in October. Our G. M. is appointing many Deputies and we expect others to come into the fold soon. J. D. S.

Olive Chapter, Beaumont, met first as a chartered chapter, Nov. 24. We had a good attendance and Sister Underhill, P. M., P. G. L. and P. D. D. G. M., was a welcome visitor. Although scarcely one year old, Olive Chapter has been highly honored through its Worthy Matron, Sister W. S. Hoskins, having been appointed Grand Martha by the Grand Chapter at its annual session October last. I think the compliment to Olive Chapter is thoroughly appreciated by the members thereof, and Sister Hoskins is certainly well

qualified to fill the position. Her home is in another county to which she moved some months ago, but she will be with us at our next meeting. As four of our elective officers have moved away, we expect to fill their places by electing others by dispensation at our next regular meeting. J. B.

WISCONSIN.

Tomah Chapter elected the following officers on Saturday evening Dec. 16, who will be installed on St. John's eve—on the same evening as, and by invitation of the officers of Tomah Lodge No. 132. Mrs. Elizabeth Barrows, W. M.; Prof. G. W. Reigle, W. P.; Mrs. Minnie Reigle, A. M.; Mrs. Lucy S. Wells, Sec.; Mrs. Helen M. Warren, Treas.; Mrs. Kate Carrigan, Con.; Miss Bertha Irons, A. C. L. S. W.

Nov. 24 there was a gathering of the chapters in the 4th District with Oconomowoc Chapter, and the event was one worthy of repetition. The work was exemplified by Columbus Chapter. The especial guests were Emma Herrick, G. M., and Emma Friend, A. G. M., who gave words of commendation and instruction. Oconomowoc Chapter won for itself much praise for its courteous attention to its guests.

I have before me the December number of THE EASTERN STAR, in which the Mazomanie correspondent asks to hear more frequently from Wisconsin chapters. Were this put as a motion I would second it most heartily, as it is I will proceed to add my "mite" towards complying with her request. We, of the Mineral Point Chapter, feel that although the visits to the World's Fair by its members has seriously interfered with the attendance at chapter meetings for the past six months, yet our foundation is so secure that this state of affairs will soon right itself and in the near future we hope for larger meetings. We have met with great loss in the past four months. Thrice has the grim messenger entered our chapter. In August one of our charter members, Bro. J. H. Gundry, was called home, and one week later our beloved Marshal, Sister Jennie M. Smith, entered into rest. Then in October another charter member, Bro. R. D. Pulford, joined the silent majority. Dodgeville Chapter extended an invitation to Mineral Point and Montfort Chapters to spend the evening of Nov. 22 at its "home." "The gathering of the clans" was greatly interfered with by the first heavy snowfall of the season, but in spite of falling snow and howling wind, twenty-three Mineral Point members accepted the invitation. Owing to bad weather and distance, we were disappointed in meeting our Montfort sisters and brothers. We spent a most enjoyable evening with our sister chapter and appreciated the bright, warm chapter room and banquet provided, no less than the hearty welcome received. At our annual election held Dec. 6, the following officers were elected: Annie Phillips, W. M.; J. A. Spratler, W. P.; Mrs. W. H. Prideaux, A. M.; Lena M. White, Sec.; Mrs. B. T. Prideaux, Treas.; Mrs. W. Hales, Con.; Amy Verian, Asso. Con. The meeting of officers and members of the 5th district of Wisconsin, (with as many of the Grand Officers as can be present), is called at Platteville, Dec. 13, from which convention we anticipate much pleasure and benefit. A. P.

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Happy New Year.

THE EASTERN STAR sanctum was recently favored by a call from Past Grand Patron Thompson and Brother F. P. Griffin, Past Patron of Bourbon Chapter.

The souvenir picture of the "Eastern Star Corner" has been placed at the low price of \$2.50 each and we trust the orders will be sufficient to compensate Sister Pitkin for expense of production; and meet any arrearages that there may be.

Those desiring watches of Past Matrons' jewels should read the advertisement of Chas. A. Winship in this issue. One ordering from Brother Winship will receive prompt response and goods in every way reliable. You will make no mistake if you place your order with him.

On our books are names of subscribers to whom several notices have been sent, but there comes no response. Now sisters, exemplify a trifle of that sisterly courtesy that is taught and meet this obligation. If you do not desire to continue taking a paper, certainly you can drop a postal requesting its discontinuance. You will only lose a little time and a cent, but you will gain your own self respect and the respect of the publisher.

The "Masonic Advocate" comes to us this month in the form of a magazine and bearing

as a frontispiece the pictured face of its editor and proprietor, Martin H. Rice. For over twenty years we have been accustomed to see the "Advocate" in its original dress and while its new dress of blue is very becoming, it in some way seems as though we had put off an old friend for a new. May it have a prosperous New Year.

The present hard times has had a marked and it must be confessed a pleasant effect upon the social world. Lack of money has made the large social receptions where hundreds of dollars were spent on decoration and music, and where a thousand persons were entertained at a time an impossibility. In their place we have small dinners and teas where from six to fifty friends gather, and exchange ideas of value in place of the few words of idle society phrases which were exchanged in the throng of the large reception. Musicales too are receiving a boom and the effect will be lasting on the culture of the city.

We desire an agent in every Chapter to whom a liberal commission will be given, and we earnestly hope that the sisters will lend their aid in carrying THE EASTERN STAR into every home. It bears to you messages of love and good will. Do not consider when you are asked to subscribe for a paper that is published in the interest of an Order to which you belong, that the person who solicits is a beggar. The business is a legitimate one, and the one who presents it is entitled to your hearing and consideration. It seems strange that any member of the Order should be indifferent regarding the success of the Order at large, and the one who is wholly absorbed with her particular Chapter needs to broaden her vision. It is not impossible that she may gather useful and helpful lessons from the work of others.

Now comes the rush to the stores to exchange Christmas presents. Many persons are trying to figure on a way which shall reduce the expense and often annoyance of indiscriminate gift-giving at Christmas time. The English follow the fashion of having their cards printed with "Merry Christmas," and mailing them to their numerous friends. A plan tried with success by the Chicago stores is, instead of selling gloves to a man who knows nothing of the color, size or style of gloves he wishes for his lady friend, to give him an order for a pair of gloves, or for six pairs as the case demands. This order he gives to his sweetheart, and she gets her gloves to suit herself. This saves all the trouble of exchanging. The plan might be followed in regard to shoes and like articles that are sure to be exchanged.

Among other things women are coming to the fore as playwrights. The field is a broad

one and one wherein genuine talent is sure to be recognized, for managers are always on the lookout for good plays. Unlike the fields of journalism it is not over-run. Women, too, are becoming famous as designers of wall paper, carpets and draperies, and there is no reason why they should not make excellent architects, for they certainly know the needs of modern residences, in fact, an architect who plans houses which are dreams of convenience, says that all his ideas for closets and like conveniences, come from his wife. The girls nowadays who have any sort of special talent, have plenty of means for developing it, if they are possessed of energy and ambition.

In the several Chapters the officers have been selected and all things are now ready to enter upon a new year. We are stepping upon its threshold and a little halt for reflection will not be out of place. The majority have selected who shall serve, and it is incumbent on every member to give to those who are placed in charge their hearty support. There should be no carping criticism, instead, remember that not to each is given, in like measure ability to render the work equally impressive. Nor can all be officers, and because you have no office is no reason why you are privileged to shift all responsibility. The success of a Chapter rests not alone upon the officers, but upon each member who has voluntarily assumed the obligation. While the officers are the rulers for the time being, they are also the servants of the members to execute the duties reposed in them, and it should be their study to do the work in such a manner as shall conduce to the best interests of the Chapter. No officer has wholly discharged her duty when she has memorized her ritual work and attended the meetings. She should make the office an opportunity for showing to the members that the trust was not unworthily bestowed. No where in the beautiful ritual work is there place for levity, especially should those who represent the heroines of the Order clothe the office with dignity and earnestness that from our central star may emanate a light that shall give to all who journey through the labyrinth an incentive to attend regularly and desire increased knowledge. Begin the new year with a firm resolve to make your Chapter work a consideration worthy of your best efforts.

## GREETING.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR OF INDIANA:

As the year Eighteen hundred and ninety-three is drawing to a close, and the Christmas-tide is here, how much I wish that I might take each one by the hand and wish you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." And though we may not look into the future, let us hope that it will bring to all happiness and prosperity, and at its close may you look



back upon work well done, and may "His Star in the East" guide you into that City not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

I am lovingly and fraternally,

HELEN E. MACOMBER.  
Grand Matron.

#### VISITATIONS BY THE GRAND MATRON.

October 20, by special invitation, I visited Magnolia Chapter, Moore's Hill. I found an earnest working chapter. Visitors were present from Electa Chapter, Milan, about three miles east of them. One candidate received the degrees—most of the work being done without the aid of the ritual. The membership is largely composed of teachers and very socially inclined.

November 2, by special invitation, I visited Tippecanoe Chapter, Winamac. Upon my arrival at Logansport I was met at the depot by Bro. and Sister Parker of Fidelity Chapter, and together with Sister Mamie Lux, P. M., enjoyed a pleasant drive through the city. Arriving at Winamac I was met by the W. M., Sister Jennie Austis, and soon taken to their cozy chapter-room, where the degrees were conferred upon one candidate—the work was done in an excellent manner without the ritual. Refreshments were served, and a social time enjoyed by all. Bro. Sargent, G. P., was present. Upon my return home, at Logansport Sister Mamie Cushman, W. M. of Fidelity Chapter, was awaiting me and I passed a pleasant day at her home.

November 7, I received an invitation to visit Guiding Star Chapter, Lawrenceburg, upon the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple. Having accepted an invitation from my own chapter for Nov. 8, I could only send regrets. I am expected there soon.

November 8, upon invitation I visited South Bend Chapter, together with Bro. O. B. Sargent, G. P. An invitation had been given Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, Illinois, to visit them at this time, the W. M., Sister Sheffield, responding. There is a nice Chapter-room here, and at this time it was made beautiful with flowers. One candidate was initiated and the beautiful floral work rendered. Before opening the Chapter a nice supper was served at the new Sheridan Hotel, to which all did ample justice.

November 20, by special invitation, the Grand Patron and myself visited Mississinewa Chapter, Marion. This Chapter has a good membership and is doing excellent work, without the rituals, and harmony prevails. The degrees were conferred upon one candidate and the floral work beautifully rendered. In the absence of the Worthy Patron our Grand Patron was called upon to preside. Sister Marietta E. Ross, W. M. of this Chapter is Grand Martha in the Grand Chapter. When I arrived at Logansport returning home, I was met by Bro. Parker and driven to his home where a surprise had been arranged and awaited me. It being an "At home" by Brother and Sister Parker, and reception to the Grand Matron, assisted by

Fidelity Chapter of Logansport. Very beautiful souvenir "at home" cards in small baskets filled with choice candy, the baskets being tied with the five colors of ribbon were presented. Vocal and instrumental music and a pleasant and happy occasion enjoyed.

November 30, by invitation, I visited Beulah Chapter, Otterbein. They have a nice Chapter—the officers render the work without the ritual, and in a very earnest manner. Sister Lulu B. Davis, W. M. of Hope Chapter, Lafayette, and Grand Esther in the Grand Chapter, was present, as were also fifteen members from Oak Grove Chapter at Oxford. Bountiful refreshments were served—and it being Thanksgiving all felt thankful.

December 12, by special invitation, together with Bro. O. B. Sargent, G. P., and members of Fidelity, numbering fourteen, visited Wabash Chapter. At Peru we were joined by nineteen members from Ruth Chapter and five from Kokomo Chapter. We were met by the reception committee and escorted to the beautiful new Temple, which was so profusely and artistically decorated with flowers, flags and bric-a-brac. At seven o'clock refreshments were served—handsome souvenirs of wheat tied with ribbons of the emblematic colors were at each plate. The following was the program, after which the Floral work was beautifully exemplified by Wabash Chapter:

Invocation	-	-	-	-	Dr. E. G. Sackett
Toastmaster	-	-	-	-	Will Fowler
Address—"Eastern Star and Welcome,"					
Response	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Aaron Simon
Our Guests	-	-	-	-	O. B. Sargent, G. P.
Response	-	-	-	-	Mrs. M. S. Howe
Our Brothers	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Macomber, G. M.
Response	-	-	-	-	"Good name, in man and woman dear, my lord, is the immediate jewel of their souls."
Our Sisters	-	-	-	-	Hazel Smith
Response	-	-	-	-	Rev. Arthur Thomas
Our Sisters	-	-	-	-	"If love should go in quest of beauty, where should he find it fairer than in our sisters."
Response	-	-	-	-	Dr. James Wilson
Our Sisters	-	-	-	-	Carrie Zern

December 14, by special invitation, I had the pleasure of seeing Lake Michigan Chapter exemplify the work upon three candidates. This Chapter is doing excellent work, without the aid of the ritual. This being the home of Bro. J. E. Manning, A. G. P., with a good corps of officers, I expected good work, and my expectations were more than realized. A bountiful banquet was served—pretty souvenir cards with quotations and tied with the five colors, were laid at each plate. A social time followed.

December 15, by special invitation, I visited Crescent Chapter, Bluffton. This being the home of Bro. J. J. Todd, P. G. P., and Sister Mary E. Mason, P. G. M., I had anticipated having a good time and my anticipations were more than realized. In spite of the stormy weather the attendance was large. Instead of the initiatory ceremony a reception was given in honor of your Grand Matron. A full orchestra was present and discoursed sweet music throughout the evening. I was presented with a lovely bouquet of roses. A nice banquet was spread to which all did justice.

For The Eastern Star.

#### PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Holmes consoles us who have not always original remarks to make, by telling us that we may well repeat something good we have once said. So,

"Suppose we think little about number one,  
Suppose we all help some one else to have fun,  
Suppose we ne'er speak of the faults of a friend,  
Suppose we are ready our own to amend,  
Suppose we laugh with, and not at other folk,  
And never hurt any one just for the joke,  
Suppose we hide trouble, and show only cheer,  
How sure we shall be of a Happy New Year."

As an incentive for study or work of any sort, real love for and pleasure in it probably figure first, but pay is after all quite an item to most of us. W. D. Howells has recently expressed his impatience and disgust over the condition of things which compels authors to work for money. He considers that it is not conducive to good work, and doubtless it is not, as the authors of the present day write. But there are few good things in English literature that were not made for money. Writing to Sydney H. Gay in 1865 Lowell said: "Is \$50 any object with me? I should think so! If greenbacks of that figure grew upon trees I should be a lusty climber."

A writer has recently compared the pleasure consequent on meeting a familiar face in a foreign city to that of recognizing the various trees one meets constantly in going about. Many of us have eyes and see not truly, and idle minds are very apt to give labor to that same personage for whom idle hands find employment. A funny incident happened recently, illustrative of this lack of observation. A teacher in one of the kindergartens was instructed to bring in some walnut leaves for the purpose of making impressions of them in clay. Many were the nutting expeditions this young woman had gone on, but a week after the lesson so impressively given, she discovered that elm leaves bore a very slight resemblance to the walnut leaves she had supposed she gathered.

A book printed in the 15th century was recently shown the writer. It was well preserved in every way save the numerous round holes eaten in its leaves by the book worm. That such a worm really existed was a discovery, as the term had always been suggestive of a devotee to books—a close student. The worm is a neat little workman, gnawing his way directly through leaf after leaf, taking out much such a bite as a screw might could it be sent through paper. Our climate has some quality not conducive to this worm's livelihood, for he has never been discovered here. England particularly suffers from his ravages probably because of the moisture of the climate. She boasts of her ruins, and this one mode of producing those same ruins we will not envy her.

LILLIAN.

## GLEANINGS.

## CONNECTICUT.

Meridian Chapter, Meriden, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary Nov. 16. There was a large attendance and several Grand Officers honored the occasion with their presence. The features of the evening was the reading of the names of the W. M.s and W. P.s since the organization, and an original poem by Mrs. George Coe who also prepared the unique souvenirs. The chapter numbers 250.

## COLORADO.

On Dec. 17 Radiant Chapter, Denver, had a delightful special entertainment and dance, which netted the chapter over \$50.00, about 250 sisters, brothers and visitors being present. The annual election of officers occurred Nov. 23. Mrs. Areta Depew, W. M.; Bro. N. W. Smith, W. P.; Mrs. Mary E. Peirce, A. M.; Miss Lizzie S. Norbury, Sec.; Miss Edna Hamilton, Treas.; Mrs. Jessie B. Hitchcock, Con.; Mrs. Kate B. Lapp, A. C. The secretary reported 105 members on the roster and four in sight. H. A. B.

## CALIFORNIA.

Nov. 30 Placer Chapter, Alta, held their annual election of officers. Mrs. Sarah B. Sherrieff, W. M.; Dutch Flat; S. M. Curtis, W. P.; Towle; Miss Carrie Hudephool, A. M.; Dutch Flat. The same evening two more links were added to the chain and two petitions received. After chapter closed we had an enjoyable lunch. We have just treated ourselves to silver knives and forks and spoons—have been presented with dishes, table cloths and napkins, and make quite a fine display. A. B.

Rose Valley Chapter, Santa Rosa, installed its officers Nov. 13. The Installing Officer was Grand Patron, A. B. Lemon, assisted by Sister Farmer as Marshal. There was a large attendance. After the ceremony of installation the retiring W. M. was presented with a very nice Past Matron's jewel—the presentation being made by the Grand Patron. Refreshments were served and it was counted a delightful evening. The officers are: Clara M. Lemon, W. M.; J. S. Hodgson, W. P.; Carrie M. Devereaux, A. M.; Sister M. G. Murphy, Sec.; Sister O. Fountain, Treas.; Clara Cooper, Con.; Sister G. Lewis, A. C.

## ILLINOIS.

Wm. Fraine, husband of the W. M., of Elgin Chapter, was badly burned about the head and face from a steam pipe bursting on a dining car running between Chicago and Toledo recently.

## IOWA.

A very pleasant social gathering met recently in the spacious parlors of Sister Sibyl J. Tubbs, W. M. Emerson Chapter. The occasion was a surprise arranged by Mrs. Tubbs' daughters in honor of the mother's fifty-seventh birthday. The members gathered at

the chapter room to the number of thirty-five and went in a body to the Tubbs' residence. It was a complete surprise and after passing a pleasant evening the friends dispersed, bearing with them the remembrance of a delightful evening, and leaving behind them a home made happier by their generous words of cheer.

Emblem Chapter, Corning, at the beginning of its sixth year, will go forth with apparent new life, with dues well collected up to Jan. 1, 1894, and square on the Grand Secretary's books. While the number for the past year seeking admission were few, they were of our best people. We have a membership of 64, and they are all earnest and capable and just, with one exception. Emblem Chapter recently entertained Villisca Chapter. The program consisted of meeting the visitors at the depot with carriages and giving them a drive around the town, through the principal streets to the Academy, water-works, to the cemetery where they were shown the Masonic lot, cared for by a joint committee from the Blue Lodge and Chapter, also the Soldiers' Monument, erected under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps of this city, conducted through the courthouse, thence to Masonic Hall where a banquet was spread, with this was songs, toasts, responses, a lecture on the symbols of Masonry by Thos. George, K. T. and P. M. Also a lecture on the colors, emblems and symbols of the Order, illustrated with an elegant stereopticon (of which this chapter is part owner,) by Sister Martha Pengrove, W. M. Altogether it was a delightful time, and was, doubtless, of much mutual benefit. The writer was much interested in the write-up given the editor of THE EASTERN STAR, by that gifted sister, Laura A. Smith. It might be of interest to Sister Ransford to know, that "little Mary," one of the blue-eyed pupils of teacher Miss Nettie Campbell, at Ft. Calhoun, is now the wife of Hon. Ed. C. Russell, Government Appraiser of Imports at Portland, Ore. Sister Russell served two terms as Emblem's Matron, and did her work faithfully and well. Bro. and Sister J. T. and Mary C. Hanna, P. P., and P. Sec., have removed to Missouri. The brother is preaching from the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Stanbury, ably aided in his clerical work by his devoted wife. By the way, you and I should love these two good people—the Hannas—for they too, have drank water from the limpid Wabash, eaten cornbread and 'possum and "pronounced it good," back yonder in Indiana. Sister Mamie Shinn has gone to Prescott, Iowa, where she bought a drug store, and now advertises "the only woman in the State owning and managing an exclusive drug store." S.

## INDIANA.

Queen Esther Auxiliary on Dec. 8 met at the home of Sister Lizzie J. Smythe. There was an unusually large attendance and a very pleasant afternoon.

Mississinewa Chapter, Marion, is all right. We have 101 members. Three petitions were presented at our last meeting and one joined by affiliation. At our meeting Nov. 20 we had a very pleasant visit from the G. M. and G. P. S. J. W.

Rob. Morris, Evansville, has grown slowly, though steadily, in the past year. Many of our members were absent through the summer, but we never failed to have a quorum and a good meeting. With many good wishes for your future health and prosperity, I am

L. H.

Queen Esther Chapter held her election of officers Dec. 15 as follows: Nathalie Connelly, W. M.; E. W. Barrows, W. P.; Adel L. Hayes, A. M.; Nettie Ransford, Sec.; Ella H. Barrows, Treas.; Kate DaShiell, Con.; Lizzie Crowe, A. C. Both the W. M. and W. P. are young—the latter reaching his twenty-third year the night of his installation Jan. 5, 1894.

Queen Esther Auxiliary gave a very enjoyable social Dec. 21 to the Chapter and friends. The guests were received at the door by Sister Rice, Pres.; Sister Crowe, Vice-Pres., and Sister Smythe, Sec. The work made by the members was for sale, and beside the sales, orders were taken. Souvenirs were given—a ribbon on which was printed a couplet of wishes of the season and at the top a bow of ribbon of the five colors. The finale was an auction sale with Sister Mary C. Moulton, P. M., as auctioneer and she was as to the manor born. It is hoped that during the winter other occasions for companionship and social enjoyment may be afforded the members.

South Bend Chapter is prospering and doing good work. The members have made comforts this fall—gave one to the Mission and one to the Orphaus' Home. The Sisters of the Chapter agreed to each earn a dollar, and on Dec. 2 a social was held which was in the nature of an experience meeting—each relating how she earned her money. The money is to be used for the relief of the needy. Why were the brothers excluded from this commendable enterprise? Dec. 13 the annual election occurred. Mollie F. Kelley, W. M.; Abram W. Byers, W. P.; Lovina Calvert, A. M.; Hattie Ulrich, Sec.; Martha Looghman, Treas.; Emma Hunt, Con.; Emma Fink, A. C.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, on Dec. 6 gave an entertainment for the benefit of the Hadley Home for Girls which was, as is all that Athen does a success. The net receipts were \$25.00. A very entertaining program was rendered, consisting of music, literary numbers and tableaux—the Five Eras of the Development of the Eastern Star. There was also a play which called forth applause. The closing number was the Bellamy Drill, or "Looking Backward." In this twenty-two of the ladies took part. All wore masks on the backs of their heads and their clothes arranged to give the appearance of a backward march. A number of funny drills were



executed which were provocative of much merriment and great applause. Athens held her election Dec. 14. Sister Jennette Wright, W. M.; Bro. Geo. W. Markley, W. P.; Sister Minnie Goltra, A. M.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, held a delightful meeting, Dec. 9. Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, was invited and over twenty of the members responded. There were also present the W. P. of Wabash Chapter and Nettie Ransford of Queen Esther Chapter. A bountiful supper was served before Chapter, the tables being laden with good things. The chapter-room was beautifully and uniquely decorated—exquisite roses were everywhere—palms and ferns added their beauty, and in the East was the word "welcome." Over the altar was an open star, each point bearing its own appropriate color and emblem. It was held in place by strings of smilax. The souvenir was a triangle of celluloid with wheat tops in gilt and the date and monogram, with a yellow ribbon bow at the top. The work was exemplified and brief remarks by the visitors and home folks brought train time all too speedily. The sisters recently gave a surprise to the brothers, appearing in robes of proper color and executing very pretty drills. The brothers returned the compliment by surprising them with a "Sing-Sing" drill and its accompaniments.

## KANSAS.

Golden Lily Chapter, Ellis, during the year enrolled thirty-four members, two links have been severed. May those who remain be prepared for the divine call. The newly elected officers are: Mary E. McFarland, W. M.; G. H. Woodward, W. P.; Florence Stearns, A. M.; Caddie Landis, Sec.; Rosa Henderson, Treas.; Hattie E. Woodward, Con.; Clara Mc Mahan, A. Con.

Gabriel Chapter, Oswego, met in regular session Dec. 1. After the chapter was duly opened it proceeded to elect and install officers for the year 1894. Mrs. Kate B. Schoch, W. M.; Dr. Geo. S. Liggett, W. P.; Mrs. Jennie McNeff, A. M.; Mrs. Sallie L. Canaday, Sec.; Bro. John Utterson, Treas.; Miss Maud McGill, Con.; Mrs. Clara Taylor, A. Con. Bro. W. W. Cook, P. P., was the installing officer and John Gilham, Marshal. The chapter closed in due form by the new W. M., after which refreshments were served.

Having heard that Sister Magie, G. M., would visit Excelsior Chapter, Chetopa, Dec. 12, Sisters Schoch, W. M., McNeff, A. M., Stice, W., and Canady, P. M., of Gabriel Chapter, Oswego, availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting their sister chapter. They were met by Sister Temple, W. M. of Excelsior Chapter and after a bountiful supper all repaired to the Masonic Hall, where we met the G. M. and Sister Cook, P. M., now of Indian Territory, and also her friend, Sister Swain, Sec., of their chapter at Vineta—an Indian sister. All were completely captivated by her, "O she's witty and she's pretty, and very much refined and in-

telligent." The members of Excelsior Chapter were very pleasant and social. The G. M. was received with due honor. The work was very beautifully exemplified. The G. M. in her business-like way, addressed the chapter—"Our Obligation," being her subject. After the close of chapter cake and coffee was served. At 12 o'clock good-nights and good-byes were said, and all felt that the evening was one long to be remembered. The G. M. and members of Gabriel Chapter went to the hotel to wait for transportation to the train, there the joke came in, when Sister Temple came in with the Grand Matron's hat, which she had forgotten.

Since meeting you in the Grand Chapter of Illinois, I have neglected writing anything for your paper, but at this late date, I will try to give you a few items. I spent two weeks in taking in the sights of our "White City," and like every one else, could have spent as many months and not have seen half of it. After wandering around until both mind and body were tired out, what a pleasure it was to call at our O. E. S. Headquarters and meet our dear Sister Pitkin, who always welcomed us with smiles. Not enough credit can be given her. Her little cozy corner, I think did more for our order than years of work. She was untiring, trying to make every one at home who called. The two days I spent in attending the Grand Chapter of Illinois, I shall look back to with great pleasure, as it was the first Grand Chapter I had ever been able to attend outside of our State. Also had the pleasure of attending a regular Chapter meeting and seeing the work beautifully rendered. Upon my return to Kansas City, I stopped off a week and there had the pleasure of meeting with Hesperia and Harmony Chapters. They do their work with credit to their officers. I attended their Grand Chapter at Springfield, Mo., and they rendered their work beautifully. Much credit is due Sam. L. C. Rhodes, P. G. P., for the time he has spent in drilling them, but he was surely repaid when they rendered their work so beautifully before the Grand Chapter. Olive Chapter has closed her year's work with receiving nineteen new members and dimitting nine, who have gone from our city to other homes. We are glad that no links in our chain have been broken this year. Our D. D. G. M., Sister Lucia Clark, from Independence, visited me a few days and we held a reception in her honor. Cards and dancing were indulged in. She was one of the lucky ones and carried a prize home with her. Our G. M. was expected, but failed to reach our city in time. We have elected Ida B. Carson; W. M.; reelected, Bro. Mickle, W. P.; Sister Hulbert, A. M.; W. J. Bawden, Sec.; J. J. Stewart, Treas.; Inez Hubbard, Con.; May Ashby, A. C. We have a fine set of officers and hope to do more this coming year, as this year has been "World's Fair" year, and attendance smaller. The Blue Lodge and Chapter have invited us to install our officers the same

night they do—the 27th, St. John's day. Of course, we shall spread a fine banquet for them and trust all will enjoy the evening. We are very proud to be invited by our brother Masons to install with them and trust our work will be perfect. Sister Hepler and myself were remembered by Sister Pitkin with one of those beautiful pictures of "our corner" in the Woman's Building, at the World's Fair. Thanks, but feebly express our pleasure at being the possessor of this continued visit to our Headquarters. J. M. P.

## MISSOURI.

Bellefontaine Chapter, St. Louis, elected officers Dec. 12. Mrs. Sarah Ellicock, W. M. Dr. Young, W. P.; Mrs. L. Eldred, A. M.; Mrs. M. Carr, Treas.; Miss L. Steinmann, Sec.; Mrs. Mary Taylor, Con.; Mrs. Delia Cabrilac, A. C.

Occidental Chapter, St. Louis, elected officers Dec. 7. Miss Clara Stubblefield, W. M.; J. D. Hamilton, W. P.; Mrs. Ella V. Kelley, A. M.; J. B. Grimby, Sec.; Mrs. Hettie Gale, Treas.; Mrs. Anna Clark, Con.; Miss H. J. Skillman, A. C. They were publicly installed Dec. 21, by W. R. Stubblefield with Sallie Dillon as Mar.

Venus Chapter, South St. Louis, elected Dec. 14. Mrs. A. F. Fletcher, W. M.; Chas. McDonald, W. P.; Mrs. Jennie Bribeck, A. M.; Mrs. H. P. Reber, Treas.; Mrs. Alvance Emerson, Sec.; Mrs. Anna Suppert, Con.; Nellie Paul, A. Con. Temple Chapter R. A. M. and Venus Chapter installed publicly Dec. 27, Venus furnishing the refreshments and entertainment. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., was installing officers and Sallie Dillon, Mar.

Tuscan Chapter, St. Louis, elected the following officers, Dec. 2. Mrs. Lottie English, W. M.; Bro. Reinhart, W. P.; Miss Nannie Overstreet, A. M.; Mrs. Libbie Alvord, Treas.; Mrs. Amy A. Merriman, Sec.; Mrs. A. C. Waterhouse, Con.; Miss Minnie Radolnisky, A. Con. Dec. 16 the officers were publicly installed, after which a most delightful program was rendered—Miss Edna Daugherty carrying off the palm by her charming songs and dances. Coffee and sandwiches were served. The rooms were filled to overflowing.

## MINNESOTA.

Bro. and Sister Adolph Schlener entertained the Eastern Star Literary Circle at their home No. 1514 Lyndale Ave., N. Minneapolis, on Tuesday Dec. 12. The leading topic, "King Solomon's Temple," was treated by Rev. J. B. Hingley in a most thorough and satisfactory manner.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, has held the annual meeting. The reports were gratifying as regards the increase in membership and the outlook for the coming year is very bright. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Sister Addie L. Trudgen, W. M.; Dr. Woolway, W. P.; Sister Eleanor Young, A. M.; Sister Martha Gordon, Sec.; Sister Cameron, Treas.; Sister Millie Upright, Con.; Sister Gertrude Grew, A. C.

December 4, Prairie Chapter was organized at Slayton by Mary C. Taylor, G. M. She was assisted in the ceremony by sisters and brothers from Coburn Chapter, Fulda. A reception and banquet followed the work of the evening. The G. M. anticipates a bright future for the new chapter, as she deems them especially fortunate in the choice of officers. While in Slayton, the Grand Officer was the guest of Sister Mabel Ahern, daughter of Bro. B. H. Whitney, W. P. Sister J. H. Low, W. M.; Sister H. E. Grass, A. M.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, has just completed the most prosperous year since its organization, having received 72 members. One of the leading factors in the success of this chapter has been regular and punctual attendance of the officers. Another element of success is the manifest confidence reposed in the judgment and discretion of the W. M., Sister Jennie L. Flynn. It has been apparent to all that "her responsibility to God for the faithful discharge of her duties has ever prompted her to do her work in the spirit of faith and prayer." The officers elected for the coming year are: Sister A. H. Runge, W. M.; Dr. Kreemer, W. P., Sister Thomas, A. M.; Sister J. R. Canterbury, Con.; Sister McCutcheon, A. C.

At the last regular meeting of Electa Chapter, Hastings, three candidates received the degrees—the G. M., G. P., and P. G. P. being present. After partaking of a banquet the company listened to a program in the lodge-room. Sister C. C. Fitch, W. M., welcomed all present; Bro. W. H. DeKay spoke on "Masonry as an Institution;" Mary C. Taylor, G. M., "Sisterhood of Masonry;" A. J. Thompson, "Unity of Masonry;" Sister Flora Adams Pattee, "The Eastern Star;" Bro. William Lee, "Symbols of Masonry;" Bro. Robert Henion, "Obligations of Mason," and Bro. William Hodgson, "King Solomon's Temple." Misses Brown and Bradbury rendered an instrumental duet.

Minnehaha Chapter, Minneapolis, installed the following officers Tuesday evening, Dec. 19, the officers elect of Minnehaha Lodge, No. 165, A. F. & A. M., being installed the same evening. The G. M. conducted the Eastern Star installation, which when rendered, as at that time, without the use of rituals and with the accompanying emblematical flowers is indeed very impressive. Sister Flora A. Pattee is again W. M.; Bro. A. B. Rand, W. P.; Sister E. J. Cox, A. M.; Sister Nettie Smith, Sec.; Sister Pricilla McIntyre, Treas.; Sister Axie M. Thing, Con.; Sister Gibbons, A. C.; Sister Mary F. Lee, Adm.; Sister O. A. Burns, Ruth; Sister Sarah Davies, Esther; Sister Cessford, Martha, and Sister Josephine McLaskey, Electa—the last named sister being the mother of Bro. H. G. McLaskey, who was the same evening installed S. W. of the Blue Lodge. A banquet and a musical and literary program completed the exercises of the evening.

LOUISE LYON JOHNSON.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

November 9, Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., accompanied by Adam F. Brown, G. P., and her suite officially visited Aurora Chapter, Natick. Visitors to the number of 162 were present from Signet, Athena, Mizpah, Electa, Beathany, Keystone, Olive Branch and Orient Chapters. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates in a very impressive and creditable manner, showing much painstaking on the part of the officers. The beautiful music introduced at different points of the work added much to the ceremony. After the conferring of the degrees Sister Allen, P. M., recited an Eastern Star poem, in a manner that called forth words of praise from all. At the close of the Chapter supper was served in the banquet-hall. A cordial reception was tendered one and all of the visitors, and the utmost kindness and attention shown them.

The annual inspection and visitation of Mizpah Chapter, Marlborough, occurred Nov. 20. Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., and Mrs. Lena W. Lamb, G. Mar., both of Orange, and Adams Franklin Brown, G. P., of Westboro, were the Grand Officers present. Other visiting members came from Westboro, Natick, South Acton, Waltham, Charlestown and South Framingham. A superb banquet in the supper room was first in order when the large company of members and their guests sat down to feast, each being presented with a buttonhole bouquet as a souvenir. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates—the visitors expressing their great pleasure in witnessing the initiation so well conducted. The social features were characteristic of the chapter and the unanimous verdict was one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season.

E. J. B.

October 26 was a gala day for the Order of the Eastern Star in Malden. The day had long been set apart for the Constitution of Crystal Chapter and the several committees had been hard at work that everything should be done that would add one iota to the pleasure and profit of the members and guests. Through the courtesy of the trustees the Masonic Hall was secured for the occasion and such of the trustees as were not members of the Order, with their ladies, were present, as well as the officers of the several Masonic bodies in Malden, to witness the beautiful ceremonies so impressively rendered, and honor the occasion with their presence. Seventeen chapters also were represented. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms and rare potted plants while the altar and pedestals were entwined with smilax and adorned with beautiful bouquets. The Organist, Bro. F. O. Nickerson, had arranged special music for the occasion, both vocal and instrumental, which he was assisted in presenting by Bro. G. W. Norris and Crystal Chapter Quartette. After a short business meeting during which several petitions were received, Hattie E. Ewing, G. M.,

and A. F. Brown, G. P., with their associate officers were received and proceeded to constitute the chapter in a very pleasing and impressive manner, after which the Grand Matron, assisted by the Grand Patron and Grand Marshal, Lena W. Lamb, installed the following named officers: Hannah L. Knowles, W. M.; Horace F. Gleason, W. P.; Faustina A. Clapp, A. M.; Ida M. Cunningham, Sec.; Adalaide R. Streeter, Treas.; Sarah E. Gleason, Con.; A. A. Nickerson; A. C.; Mrs. W. S. Demain, Chap.; Mrs. M. M. Nute, Mar.; Lizzie Waite, Adm.; M. A. Heerkloss, Ruth; E. N. Perkins, Esther; C. A. Waite, Martha; M. E. Welch, Electa; Mrs. R. A. Homer, War.; C. C. Homer, Sen.; F. O. Nickerson, Org. At the close of the ceremonies the W. M. presented each of the installing officers with an elegant bouquet in behalf and with the best wishes of Crystal Chapter, after which all were invited to the banquet hall where an elaborate banquet was served. Speech-making closed this very pleasant occasion, and another bright picture was added to memory's kaleidoscope.

Despite the rain falling in torrents, Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, held a large and interesting meeting, Oct. 23, received four petitions, elected three candidates and initiated three. The A. M., Sister Mary E. Fitch, proving conclusively—in the unavoidable absence of the W. M.—that she heeded the instructions given by the Grand Matron one month previously, at her installation, to make herself familiar with the duties of the W. M., that she might fill that station with credit to herself and honor to her chapter. A large number of visitors were present from Augusta, Me., and Vesta, Queen Esther and Keystone Chapters of this State. Refreshments were served.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, held a very successful sale of useful and fancy articles, Oct. 24. A "Go-as-you-please Party" will be given Nov. 28. Ladies are requested to bring basket lunches which will be sold, including a partner to lunch, to the highest bidder.

Nov. 2, Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held a large and very interesting meeting, received six petitions and did a large amount of routine business. Nov. 16 was devoted to a "Sale and Supper" which proved very successful.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, had long been looking forward with the brightest anticipations for the official visitation of the Grand Officers, which took place October 6, and no pains was spared to make this occasion one of credit to the chapter, and honor to its distinguished guests. The chapter-room was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns tacitly teaching the beautiful lessons of our Order. This was one of the Chapters reserved by the Grand Matron for her own inspection. She was accompanied by Adams F. Brown, G. P., Wm. A. Blossom, A. G. P., Lena W. Lamb, G. Mar., Carrie F. Knowles, G. Electa, P. G. Patrons Shaw and Loring



and about forty present and past officers, representing thirteen chapters. The degrees were conferred upon six candidates in a very pleasing manner, the chapter receiving the hearty congratulations of the Grand Officers for the beautiful work presented by its officers. A grand banquet was served.

Nov. 9, the G. M. accompanied by the G. P. and her suite officially visited Stella Chapter, Worcester. This is one of the oldest chapters and the largest in the jurisdiction, with a well earned reputation for good work both in and outside of the chapter-room. Here was the birthplace of our Grand Chapter; here the Order was nursed and cherished in its infancy in this jurisdiction; and here is the home of our venerable Grand Secretary, Bro. Daniel Seagrave—the first G. P. of this Grand Chapter. To say that we look for good work here would be superfluous. Three candidates were initiated, after which the Floral Work was presented in a very pleasing manner. A large number of visitors were present from Vesta, Bethany, Athena, Themis, and our new sister chapter at Attleboro. A reception was held and banquet served at early evening. The chapter-room was beautifully trimmed with cut flowers and potted plants—chrysanthemums blooming everywhere.

The large banquet hall of Electa Chapter, Waltham, presented a lively scene at early evening Nov. 15, where the representatives of sixteen chapters were doing ample justice to the banquet which had been spread for the reception of the Grand Matron and suite on this her official inspection of the Chapter. We cannot pass this without mention of the unique souvenirs of the occasion in the shape of birch bark napkin rings adorned with rock moss and tiny ribbons, representing Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts—the result of the inventive genius of Ethel K. Moor, P. M. Both Grand and subordinate officers seemed at their best after this warm reception, and the work of the evening passed off with naught to mar the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the evening. Two candidates were initiated, the officers maintaining the well earned reputation of the chapter for good work. Fifteen chapters from various parts of this jurisdiction were represented on the suite of G. M., also Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, Kansas—the home of our M. W. Grand Matron, Mary C. Snedden.

Addie Barrett, D. G. M., officially visited Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Nov. 16, accompanied by Wm. A. Blossom, A. G. P., and her suite. Two candidates were elected and one initiated, drawing forth words of commendation from the inspecting officers. The committee reported fifty-three dollars as the net receipts from the recent "Sale and Supper" given by this chapter. The chapter-room was tastefully decorated with flowers for the occasion. Visitors were present from Adelphi, Aurora, Melrose, Queen Esther, Keystone, Electa, Signet, Mystic, Highland,

Crystal and Ruth Chapters of this State, and Mendias, Kansas City, Kansas.

Once more the golden chain of Vesta Chapter has been snapped asunder by the ruthless hand of Death; one more link has been wafted on to the great hereafter. Sister Sophronia B. Jones died at her residence, Congress St., Stoneham, very suddenly, Oct. 20, of heart disease. Sister Jones, with her husband and youngest daughter, was initiated in the late Beulah Chapter and remained a member until its dissolution, when she united with Vesta. She was very devoted to the Order, an earnest and faithful worker in whatever way she could best subserve its interests. She held the position of Treasurer of Beulah Chapter for many years, after which she was made one of the Trustees. Nor were her works wholly confined to the Order of the Eastern Star. For over twenty-five years she has had charge of the infant class in the Baptist Sabbath School, and the presence of the little ones at her funeral told unmistakably of their love and appreciation of her labors. She was also a member of the Chautauqua Club, and for years had spent the summer at their cottage on the grounds at Lake View. All of the bodies with which she was connected were represented at the burial, which took place from the Baptist Church, Stoneham, Oct. 25, where the many beautiful floral tributes spoke kind words of loving remembrance.

November 23, Ada E. Lavers, D. G. M., accompanied by Adams F. Brown, G. P., and her suite, officially visited Crystal Chapter, Malden. Sister Lavers had the honor of having Hattie E. Ewing, G. M.; Lena W. Lamb, G. Mar., and Carrie F. Knowles, G. Esther on her suite on this occasion. The chapter received five petitions, elected seven applicants and initiated nine candidates in a highly creditable manner. One pleasing feature of the evening was a song composed by the Organist, Bro. Fred O. Nickerson, in honor of the G. M., and which he surprised her when she was called up for remarks. Another was an equal surprise to Bro. Nickerson, by the presentation of an elegant banquet lamp—the gift of the members, in token of their appreciation of his untiring labors in behalf of the chapter. His tongue, so flippant a few moments before in sounding forth praises of and a welcome to our G. M., was now dumb. He could only say "I thank you." A large number of visitors were present, nine chapters

being represented. A banquet was served.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, was officially visited by Ada E. Lavers, D. G. M., Nov. 27. On this occasion, she was accompanied by Wm. A. Blossom, A. G. P., and her suite. The Masons kindly loaned their apartments to the chapter for this occasion, and the large hall was well filled by the members and visitors—eight chapters being largely represented. Two petitions were received, two applicants elected, and three candidates initiated in a very pleasing manner, drawing forth highly complimentary criticisms from the Grand Officers. A grand banquet was served, but far better than this was the "feast of reason" with which we were treated in the "after-dinner speech of one of the candidates initiated that evening—Ex-Mayor Champlin—as he set forth the beauties of the work as it had been presented to him, his love for Freemasonry from his childhood, and the honor and respect with which he had ever looked upon the heroines of the our Order at this time, from a mere boy, he had read the history of their lines in Holy Writ.

December 7, Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, was honored with a visit from Grand Matron Ewing, Grand Patron Brown, A. G. P. Blossom, and P. G. P. Loring, and a large number of visitors, nine chapters of this jurisdiction being represented, also Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, Kas. A banquet was served at early evening in honor of their distinguished guests and the chapter-room beautifully adorned with flowers. During the banquet Carter's Orchestra discoursed sweet music in the adjoining parlor, which added much to the pleasure of the occasion. In chapter, one applicant was elected and five candidates initiated, the work being performed with credit to the officers and honor to the chapter. Very pleasing remarks fraught with good advice and setting forth the beautiful teachings of our Order, were made by each of the Grand Officers. Beautiful bouquets were presented to the G. M., G. P., and their worthy Sec., Sister Esther A. Gerald.

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by a visit from the G. M., G. P., and A. G. M., Dec. 14. The Grand Officers were the guests of Sister Margaret A. Sutton, W. M. A banquet was served at early evening. In chapter, one petition was received and two candidates elected, after which the work was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. This was the annual meeting and the reports showed the chapter to be in good condition, both financially and numerically. The election of officers resulted in the choice of Mrs. Clark for W. M.; Chas M. Pear, W. P.; Mrs. Gove, A. M.; Miss Louise Henderson, Sec.; Miss Jennie L. Richmond, Treas.; Miss Mabel Parker, Con.; Miss Maggie Richmond, A. C.

The "Go-as-you-please" party of Keystone Chapter, Boston, proved very successful, with a pleasant evening spent and a small sum of money added to the treasury. At the regular meeting held Dec. 12, several petitions were received and two candidates initiated.

The official visitations being ended the G. M. and G. P. are paying a friendly visit to those chapters which were inspected by a Deputy, that they may greet face to face the members throughout the jurisdiction. A lively interest is manifested, and a large amount of work being done by the Grand Officers—they having constituted four chapters and organized two since the summer vacations were ended. R. E. L.

#### NEBRASKA.

November 27. Crystal Chapter, Scotia, had a sumptuous banquet in honor of Bro. C. J. Phelps, of Schuyler Chapter, who was expected to be in the city at that time. Thirty plate were laid and a thoroughly good time had, although we were sorely disappointed at the inability of Bro. Phelps to be present. Miss Jessie Glasgow, a visiting sister from Peru Chapter, was with us. E. E. W.

I have in the past few weeks visited officially the chapters at Friend, Sutton, Harvard, Hastings, Oxford, Orleans, Red Cloud, Omaha and South Omaha. At each of these points I have been most cordially received and royally entertained. The O. E. S. in Nebraska is to be congratulated upon the very excellent condition in which the chapters are. At nearly every place visited I find the work of the Order well done, and the membership steadily growing. Many of the chapters have supplied themselves with complete regalias, jewels, robes, etc., among these I note Omaha and South Omaha as appearing in beautiful and becoming robes, which, to my mind, add much to the beauty of the floor work. Hastings, at which place Grand Chapter of 1894 will be held, I found a large and very intelligent membership. This chapter does quite a good deal of literary work, which I cannot commend too highly. At Harvard the star officers gave their lectures with a great deal of expression—more than I hear given, as a rule. Orleans has a fine chapter and a very efficient W. M., and other officers. Sutton, too, is a working chapter, harmony and good will seeming to prevail. The W. M.

of Olive Chapter, Superior, Sister Sarah L. Felt, has just suffered the loss, by Death's rude hand, of a loving husband and father. Osceola Chapter, my home chapter, has just held a Chapter of Sorrow over our Bro. Judge J. L. Sheesley, the husband of our P. M., Sister Alice Sheesley. Thus, one by one the "stars" go out, and we are left in darkness to mourn the loss of our loved ones—but, they (Continued on Page 119.)

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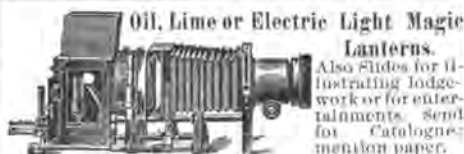
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**MRS. LOUISE J. MOORE.**

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There is always a peculiar interest felt towards the pioneer workers in any cause, and it is with pleasure that we recall one of these, in presenting this short sketch of the life of Mrs. Louise J. Moore,

Sister Moore became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1876, being a charter member of Howard Chapter No. 10, St. Joseph, Missouri. She was the gleaner Ruth for the first year when her associates called her to preside over them as Worthy Matron. She was a delegate to the Grand Chapter in 1877, appointed Grand Esther, pro tem., was elected Deputy Grand Matron (an office since abolished.) In '78 she was elected Grand Matron. This was the first Grand Chapter meeting after the General Grand Chapter Ritual had been introduced, and the firm stand taken by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, Bro. W. R. Stubblefield, soon banished the Macoy ritual from Missouri.

In 1880 Sister Moore represented Missouri in the General Grand Chapter, and she was appointed Worthy Grand Asso. Conductress. Soon after this Howard Chapter, from many removals, death and other causes, ceased to exist, since which time our sister has not taken an active interest in Chapter affairs. Four years ago St. Joseph Chapter No. 198, was organized, and is now in a live, flourishing condition. Sister Moore has not united with it, having been away much of the time, but as she feels

a warm love for our Order we hope to see her soon enrolled among its workers.

Louise J. McGee is a native Missourian, having been born, reared and married in the city of St. Louis. She was united in marriage in 1866 to David B. Moore, and removed to St. Joseph in 1872. No children were ever

given them, and in 1887 Sister Moore was left alone, for after twenty-one years of companionship her husband was called to his Heavenly home. Bro. Moore was an upright Christian man, having held responsible positions for many years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. The change

came to him "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye," the shock and sorrow so unnerved our sister that for several years her health was greatly impaired.

Travel and change seemed desirable and she has not been at home much of the time since.

Sister Moore is an Episcopalian, and has given much of her time to church work. A teacher in the Sunday School at times, but more often assisting in the choir. She is a fine musician, and has ever been ready to assist not only in her own church, but in any other, and having many friends she is often in demand. Her home has become a musical center, where those of like tastes wile away many pleasant hours.

Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Mary E. Gillespie, of St. Louis, Past Matron of Bellefontaine Chapter, are sisters, and Mrs. Moore spends much of her time with her.

MARY C. SNEDDEN.



MRS. LOUISE J. MOORE.

In the National Gallery of paintings just back of Trafalga Square, London, England there is a beautiful painting by Bar-sano, who died 1502, representing a harvest field with Ruth as set forth in our ceremonies. The same artist has a picture of Martha and Mary.

It is one of the gravest mistakes in the world to be looking for great opportunities.

### MASONIC HOMES.

[By Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, Grand Matron of Illinois, 1885 to 1887. Read at Woman's Congress, May 16, 1893, Chicago.]

We, as members of the Eastern Star, have been recognized as co-workers with the Masonic Fraternity in the work of establishing Homes where the widows and orphans of Master Masons may be cared for. It is meet therefore that I should speak of what women have done and particularly of what the Eastern Star has done for Masonic Homes. In several States I find that the Eastern Star has been first to advocate the building of Homes and in other instances, has forced the issue upon the Grand Lodges that were too dilatory or timid to undertake the work with the uncertainty of success.

Kentucky was the first State to build a Home and it therefore has the most important one. June 24th is celebrated in Louisville, where the home is located, and in fact all over the State, by giving picnics or other celebrations for the benefit of the Home. The Masonic Ladies' Aid Society, a substitute of the Eastern Star, an organization of Louisville, annually places thousands of dollars in the Home Fund by these celebrations. Nearly every Masonic Lodge in the State owns life membership in the association. North Carolina has a Home where from two hundred to two hundred and fifty children are cared for. Ohio has a Home maintained by the Masonic organizations of the State. The first two States have no organization of Eastern Star and in the latter it was only recently established, but no doubt women have contributed toward their support as they have in other States.

In 1878 the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of California discussed the advisability of building a Home. A committee was appointed to draft a plan of organization for Home or Aid Society. This committee failed to report and nothing further was done until 1889, when the matter was placed before the Grand Lodge of Masons. A committee was appointed by that body, and a week later at the meeting of the Grand Chapter, another committee was appointed to confer with them. The O. E. S. has a fund of \$2,000, and this is being constantly increased by the subordinate chapters. The Grand Chapter donated \$500 from its treasury. The Masons have purchased the land and have \$7,000 already subscribed and, no doubt, California will soon have a Home.

The Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home, located in Chicago, and valued at \$22,000 is owned and controlled by an association. It was established in 1886. The Grand Chapter owns two life memberships, which are represented by the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron. Many Chapters and individual members of the Order have subscribed for memberships. At Christmas there is always a celebration at the Home and Chapters send subscriptions and donations for the children. At the last meeting of the Home

Association, a request was received from the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Illinois, asking the Association to so change their by-laws as to admit children of deceased members of the Eastern Star, and pledging the support of the Chapters in the State, in the event of such children being admitted. The matter was referred to the Board of Trustees of the Home to report at the next annual meeting and we sincerely hope it received favorable consideration.

Missouri also has a Masonic Home in which the Eastern Star takes great interest, having been invited and urged to assist in its maintenance. It is a Widows and Orphans' Home - a beautiful structure and a fitting monument to the benevolence of Masons of Missouri. It was established in 1889. One day each year the Eastern Star holds a picnic at the Home, and as a result a goodly sum is placed to their credit by the Home Fund. Bro. J. D. Vincil, Sr., Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, a member of the Missouri Home Board, thus speaks of the Eastern Star in connection with the Home: "It is a work in which we need and must have the co-operation of women. It is a work largely for her sex, and woman's work for woman presents the grandest spectacle of the age."

In Michigan the Eastern Star was invited to assist in raising funds for the establishment of a Masonic Home. The Order raised \$7,000. The remainder of the funds was the receipts of a Fair held the week previous to the dedication of the Home and the free will offerings of the Fraternity through an Association. This Association intended to present the Home, furnished and fully equipped, with a considerable sum in the treasury, to the Grand Lodge of Michigan with the request that they provide for its maintenance and management. Several Chapters of the O. E. S. have furnished and maintain rooms at the Home, which is situated at Grand Rapids and cost \$30,000.

Iowa Grand Chapter has taken steps looking toward the establishment of a Home. A committee was appointed in 1891, to correspond with the Eastern Star Chapters, Blue Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters and Commandries in the State and report at the next session of the Grand Chapter. At this time it seemed to be best to wait awhile before taking action, and as the committee is continued, we will probably hear from them in the future.

There are other Homes in other States, did time permit to speak of, but I will only call your attention to one more, that of Kansas. Kansas, great generous Kansas, which was the first State to accord women the right of suffrage, is again first in appointing a woman on the Masonic Home Board. Sister Mary C. Snedden, our present Most Worthy Grand Matron, is that member. Yes, and not only that, the Grand Chapter O. E. S., has two members on the Board, the second being Bro. Whitman, of Lawrence. Kansas has taken another step forward and admits to the

Home, orphans of members of the Eastern Star. So that should a lady join the Order through her father or brother and afterwards marries out of the Fraternity, her destitute orphan may be admitted and cared for in the Kansas Home.

In conclusion let me urge upon the members of the Order of the Eastern Star the necessity of doing our part for this great object, that our Masonic brethren may find us truly co-laborers in the service of humanity. By our deeds let us proclaim "that woman's heart beats responsive to the same inspiration which prompts man to nobler deeds."

Let us give our mite, if we are unable to give largely, for the collection of minute parts will make a glorious whole, and will aid the poor and needy. If we are not accorded our meed of credit, let us work on, trusting that time will bring to the patient gleaners a glorious harvest.

### GONE TO REST.

After a long and painful illness, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, of Houston, Texas, Mrs. M. J. Kimball passed away Jan. 7, 1894, aged 61 years, making the second death in Ransford Chapter since its organization, a little more than a year ago.

The first was Bro. Robert Cohen, who almost simultaneously with the closing of the Annual session of the Grand Chapter held in our city October last, peacefully went to sleep to wake on this earth no more. A sad duty it was to the writer to assist in the burial rites of our Order in our last tribute of respect. Brother Cohen was a zealous Mason, a member and officer of the Grand Lodge of Texas for fifteen years or more; a charter member of Ransford Chapter, O. E. S.; a husband and father and a conscientious member of the Jewish religion.

Sister Kimball was the loved mother of our present Conductress. Though an invalid and a great sufferer for years, she was a zealous member and worker in Ransford Chapter, never letting an opportunity pass, when her strength would permit, to do good and cheer us with her presence. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and was buried by her Church and the "Order she loved so well," leaving many friends to mourn her departure. But we mourn knowing our loss is her gain. It was the privilege of the writer to make "Eastern Star members of both of these departed friends. May we meet in that Grand Chapter above where parting will be no more.

With the visits to our Chapter the Grim Reaper did not stop. At the home of our loved Worthy Matron, Sister McElroy, the dread visitor appeared Dec. 5, 1893, bearing away on his icy wings, the spirit of Mr. W. S. McElroy, the aged father of Dr. W. H. McElroy.

While the hearts were made so sad by the loss of a loving parent, a new spirit was ushered in. Who knows but to grow up to take the place in useful manhood of the aged grandfather just passing away.

Having known and spent many pleasant hours with the departed, we extend loving sympathy to the bereaved. How often while recalling pleasant associations, our spirits have soared to the heights or fathomed the depths of hope of this life. We ask, is this all? The answer comes, No, no matter what the real of life is, or has been, there is a grand ideal that stretches above and beyond. May we all meet beyond. May we meet in Heaven.

M. J. S. U.



## MARCH.

Month which the warring ancients strangely styled

The month of war—as if in their fierce ways  
Were any month of peace!—in thy rough days  
I find no war in Nature, though the wild  
Winds clash and clang, and broken boughs are piled  
At feet of writhing trees. The violets raise  
Their heads without affright, without amaze,  
And sleep through all the din, as sleeps a child.  
And he who watches well may well discern  
Sweet expectation in each living thing.  
Like pregnant mother the sweet earth doth yearn:  
In secret joy makes ready for the spring:  
And hidden, sacred, in her breast doth bear  
Annunciation illies for the year.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

## MARTHA.

"When holy and devout religious men  
Are at their beads 'tis hard to draw them thence,  
So sweet is zealous contemplation."

King Richard Third.

The leading thought in the contemplation of this character is reflection and futurity. Of the two sisters Mary was impetuous in the extreme, but Martha was contemplative and thoughtful, and as much so marked in her demure calmness as the other was in her excitable disposition. In pursuing the study of the heroines of the Star the three previous ones introduce us into the active part of life. Activity or action is the ruling spirit. We deal with life in the stern reality. While endeavoring to ascertain the intent of the Order and delving deep into reason to learn its true import, and while studying the varied characters that the true design may be comprehended, and thinking earnestly over the result, we must conclusively acknowledge that the system of expression is beneficent, but the consideration of the heroines, as a whole, does not reveal the latent beauties of female talent and worth, as in the study of each character singly and personally.

So in the every day as we reflect over these varied shading of dispositions as we ponder over the especial one that achieves success and prosperity, or that seems to secure the advantages of our Order, and as we perceive what appears to be the most fitting disposition for the ideal life we must bestow honor where it is due, and say that Martha with her complaisant demeanor and bearing is entitled to prominence and esteem in the galaxy of heroines. Activity and zeal may be the fire and power; these principles may be the stimulus, but contemplation enables us to survey properly all the surroundings, and thus by a carefully arranged plan to anticipate and to achieve our highest expectations.

Contemplation acts slowly but surely. With it there is no haste, no excitement, no undue speed, no errors or blunders that cause regrets and failure. On the contrary the contemplative spirit is the sure road to the noble achievements that are the highest ambition of all votaries. This character also illustrates the power and merits of a redeemer, or in other words faith in His power to save. Her faith was so strong that she be-

lieved that if the Saviour had been there her brother would have lived, and as a reward for her belief the brother was restored to life. In this illustration we see the reward of faith. None could be zealous in our work without this quality. Our belief must be strictly sincere, our convictions must be absolutely so, and our acts must show that our faith is well founded. A faith that cannot be substantiated by some well established law or usage is strictly unreliable; a faith that is not based on some fundamental law or divine utterance will fall short in a severe test. But Martha in her noble utterance showed clearly that her faith could not be shaken. Were we, in our Chapter work, to be equally as explicit and pronounced, I am quite sure that all the beauties of our system would display themselves with a perspicuity never before witnessed. Our shortcomings, inapathy and failure to realize our high anticipations may be on account of a weak faith, hence in the life of Martha we have the pattern that covers all cases of a wavering insincere faith. A substantial faith makes a like unity and harmony. This remark may seem somewhat inconsistent, but I do not think that disunity ever occurs where the faith is pure, nor do I think that harmony is ever broken where proper contemplation is given to the subject. Quite recently I heard a very popular divine say that we should never look back, but onward and upward, with a standard at a high elevation. All this is right and proper. Looking backward is against progress or progression; it thwarts our action and purpose, and yet did we not reflect over the past, and form new plans over the results of the same we would hardly begin any new improvements that insure success and prosperity. In the history of Martha we are reminded of the uncertainty of life by an example that is unparalleled. Even in the color green we have a forcible lecture of the importance it bears, not only in this life, but in the one to come. So in the whole subject the various considerations are so numerous that the theme is almost inexhaustible, and when we come to examine the subject in all its bearings we find it a most entertaining one. It lacks the force and vim of the three previous points; there is no chance for the mind to dwell with pleasure and satisfaction over the demonstrative energy that characterizes the illustrations of the points just noted, but with all this I pronounce the contemplation of Martha equally as emphatic and as indicative as the other three females are in their positive bearing.

"True hope is swift, and flies with swallows wings.  
Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures kings."

In the character of Martha I see the spirit of Hope made manifest through the agency of contemplation, and this last word has a duty equally as suggestive as any other word in our peculiar vocabulary. The Order has a wide diversity of expression, and of instruction; we must not for a moment suppose that the qualities of energy and zeal are all that are necessary.

We must review our work, and here comes the necessity and importance of contemplation, and this disposition I see in the lovely Martha. There are no words that I can command that adequately expresses my regard for her. Her retiring and unassuming nature makes her all the more to be admired, and yet when it came time for decisive action she was alert to the occasion, as in her remark to the Saviour, "Had you been here my brother had not died."

In this speculation I see the necessity of energy and activity in connection with contemplation, and while the three qualities may seem somewhat irrelevant and dissimilar, yet a careful scrutiny will disclose the fact that discreet contemplation must be strengthened and fortified with the qualities that make activity necessary when the occasion demands that contemplation for the time being should give way to alertness and rapidity. This shows that a healthful contemplation is not exclusive, or confined to the one quality, but that it is equal to all circumstances. Contemplation is requisite for success, and yet it must be temporarily discarded when the more active qualities demand it.

My conclusion is that in the galaxy of female loveliness, Martha is a conspicuous character, just as prominent, and as much to be admired as the other four, even if she does remind and suggest a line of conduct, although void of all the force and energy of the others, yet in the panorama of life it is just as telling in results, for the reason that there are times that the quiet qualities are necessary and indispensable. This reserve I see in the excellence of Martha, and it is a fitting copy for our members who desire to be the zealous and devoted followers of this lovely daughter of Bethany.

A. J. BURTON.

## STARS IN WEST VIRGINIA.

In the Holy Bible we find the text, "We have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." That was the noble exclamation of wise men centuries ago. We also read that when the wise men had come to the place and found Jesus, "they worshipped Him, and presented Him with gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh." Thus the Saviour of the world was revealed to man by the aid of a star, and through the medium of that heavenly body all good men have ever after followed after the Christ the Redeemer, and always found a home, a rest for their labors in the heavenly home above, for they followed after the star of promise, and found the morning star in glory.

In the history of many of us Masons of West Virginia, we also say "we have seen His Star in the East and have to worship Him." We have also, though a few, worshipped at the altar of our Order, and offered gifts for the cause of Brotherly love, Relief and Charity, which we hope may be wafted to heaven with the rich perfumes of sincere hearts.

the cause of humanity, but as we review the past we find we have done but little, yet all that we could under the surroundings in which we found ourselves in searching for light under the illumined Star of Liberty.

As we look over the past, we find we Masons were not allowed the tolerance and liberty which the Order vouchsafes to us. When we would look for the Star in the East, with a desire to follow it, we found the wise men did interfere and say such a move was not expedient, that for many, many years, at least one-half as many as the Children of Israel were in the wilderness of Egyptian taskmasters, or until a Moses with a rod of principle and determination of mind resolved to divide the waters of oppression asunder, and then we marched over dry-shod to the land of freedom and promise, and there found Miriam (the first) sounding a timbrel of joy. We joined her little band of minstrels, and have been ever since extolling the beauty and brilliancy of the Star. But alas! the Pharaoh's on the other side were almost too powerful for the timid Masons, and consequently it has been as it were almost an insurmountable barrier to increase our numbers, but the little band have proved a bright constellation and we think the goal of success is in view, and that soon all West Virginians who are Masons will have seen His Star in the East, and have worshipped Him.

My reasons for thinking the Morning Star is lawning in our vicinity is this, the Masons of Wheeling have builded for their use a fine four-story Masonic Temple, which they expect to dedicate Feb. 22, and they have agreed to allow Miriam Chapter No. 1, to become a tenant, and she has agreed to lease the hall for her use for the next five years for \$500. When Miriam gets settled in that fine lodge room, having equal rights there, by paying for it in rent as the lodges, then the brethren and their families will not view the admittance to the Star as being not expedient, but will come in. Another reason, the fraternity have just concluded a most successful fair and festival, held to raise funds to furnish the lodge room, and the members of the Star worked hard, early and late, for its success, and won for themselves praise of everybody. Although at the start ignored on the committee work, they took no offense, but did their part nobly, not only advertising the Star as zealous workers, but also talking up the Chapter, and giving worthy persons petitions.

We are in hopes of doubling our membership in the next six months, as well as to be able to get other Chapters working in our Jurisdiction by our influence. J. S. H.

Keep your eyes turned inward upon yourself, and beware of judging others. In judging others a man labors to no purpose, commonly errs, and easily sins; but in examining and judging himself he is always wisely and usefully employed.

### AUNT LUCIA ABROAD.

[Garden City Herald, Garden City, Kansas.]

#### ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.

The following is a brief history of the Cathedral from a reliable source:

In 610, Ethelbert, king of Kent, undertook the building of the Cathedral of St. Paul and devoted certain manors and lands to its endowment. Bishop Erkenwald who died about the year 686, spent large sums of money on the building. It was burned in 961 and rebuilt the following year. King Abelstan endowed it, and here King Ethelred was buried, and his son Edmund Ironsides, crowned. Wm. the Conqueror bestowed some large estates upon St. Paul's. Near the close of his reign, 1086, it was again destroyed by fire. Ten years later a new building was commenced, which was completed in 229 years, part of the funds being collected from the sale of indulgences. The following is an account of its dimensions:

Length of the Cathedral, 690 feet, breadth 130 feet, height of west part 102 feet, height of choir 88 feet, height of body 150 feet, height of tower 260 feet, height of spire 520 feet. Area of the limits three acres and a half. The great clock was a splendid ornament, the figure of an angel pointed to the hour, in the sight of the passers by "a heavenly messenger marking the progress of time." The Cathedral contained seventy-six chapels, and there were sixty endowed anniversary obits or masses for the dead. It is supposed there were two hundred priests belonging to it. In the Nave stood a great cross, with a taper burning constantly, before it also various statues of the virgin and saints, invited the oblation of the worshiper. As the reformation dawned, the pomp and splendor of the Cathedral ceremonial began to wane. On the 18th of September, 1547 the litany was first chanted at St. Paul's and the epistle and gospel read at High Mass in English. Two months later the images were taken down. February 2, 1548 the bearing of candles in the Cathedral was discontinued. April 8, 1549 mass was put down. June 11, 1550, the high altar was taken down. November 1, 1552, the new book of Common Prayer was first used, Bishop Ridley preaching on the occasion. Thus gradually the change from Catholicism to Protestantism was made. September 2, 1666, this noble building was a mass of smoldering ruins. Sir Christopher Wren, who has been styled the builder of this church and city, was the person fixed on to rebuild the Cathedral, and in December 1672, his designs were approved by King Charles II. The first stone of the present Cathedral was laid June 21, 1675, and the whole structure completed in thirty-five years, at a cost of \$2,991,816. The Cathedral covers two acres, sixteen perches and seven feet, and is enclosed by an iron balustrade on a dwarf stone wall. The entire length of the Cathedral from east to west is 500 feet. Its breadth at the western entrance at the tran-

sept is two hundred and fifty feet, the general height of the wall about ninety feet. The entire circumference of the building is 2,292 feet, the height of the top of the cross from the pavement is 360 feet, the western towers are 222 feet, and the exterior diameter of the dome 180 feet. The ground plan of the Cathedral is a Latin cross, with an additional arm or transept at the west end, there is also a semicircular projection at the east end for the altar. During the last few years the public have contributed largely to the decoration of the Cathedral and several stained glass windows have been put in. In the western front is a marble statue of Queen Anne. A handsome flight of steps of gray granite leads up to the grand entrance. In the belfry is a peal of twelve bells placed there in 1878 by the Baroness Burdette Coutts and others. In the southwest tower is the great bell which is suspended forty feet from the floor. It is ten feet in diameter, the metal is ten inches thick and weighs 11,474 pounds. The hour is struck upon the bell by a hammer weighing one hundred and forty-five pounds. The clapper which weighs one hundred and eighty pounds, is used only to toll the bell on the death of any of the Royal family, or of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, the Dean of St. Pauls or the Lord Mayor. The new bell, Great Paul, placed here in 1882 weighs sixteen tons, two, qrs., and nineteen pounds. Height eight feet ten inches, diameter at base nine feet, six and one-half inches. The clapper is seven feet, nine inches in length and weighs four cwt. and twenty pounds. The clock has two faces, each of them is fifty-seven feet in circumference and nearly twenty feet in diameter. The minute hand in each is nine feet, eight inches long and weighs seventy-five pounds. The hour hand is five feet, nine inches long and weighs forty-four pounds. The hour figures are two feet, two and one-half inches long. The pendulum is sixteen feet in length. The stairs leading to the whispering gallery are by 260 steps, to the upper gallery outside 560 steps and to the ball 616 steps. About half way up to the whispering gallery is a door leading to the Library, the flooring of which consists of 2379 pieces of oak skillfully laid together without a nail or peg. The Library contains about 12,000 volumes and a few ancient manuscripts. Near is a flight of steps called the Geometrical Stairs, the first ever made in England, so ingeniously constructed that all hang together without any visible support resting on the bottom step.

Charity is the perfection of friendship. It is that part of the better man that enables him to always construe the words and actions of others to their least unfavorable light. Without it, friendship is of little worth. Deal not harshly with the errors and mistakes of those about you, for our deficiencies but prove the weakness of all humanity.

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## MELODY.

The bird that dipt its wing in heaven's blue,  
Trilled a sweet song ere it had soared from view.  
The south wind played a gentle, plaintive air  
Where forest trees their stately heads do rear;  
And, with the melody upon them played,  
Each leaf seemed vocal in the woodland's shade.

The streamlet, with melodious, murmuring sound,  
Rolls on till lost in ocean's depths profound;  
And, in the wild, weird music of the sea,  
A harmony is found in minor key.  
So, as we range through nature's vast domain,  
We find the poem, the song and its refrain.

MRS. THERESA A. JACOBS.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

## MRS. FREEMAN.

"Yes, she left that money to Smith and I guess the longer he hangs on to it, the more likely he will be to keep it.

I don't know why I staid up so late that night, I just set there in the sittin'-room reading, I allas read the papers a little after the folks are to bed, till I'm sleepy, and that night it was after eleven, and I was wonder-why I didn't go to bed, when some one knocked, and I up and said, 'whose's there,' and a voice answered, 'It's Clark.'

So I opened the door and in walked Hub Clark and said Mrs. Freeman was dead. Just went off in her chair at Tony Sparks and they wanted Fannie and me to come right up.

Well, after Fannie and mother dressed, we left. But first I went over to Hat's and woke Smith up, and he came over and staid and talked to mother till we got back home at four o'clock. You don't know Smith, he's our minister. That talk was real comforting to mother—I see it was.

Fannie and me went on over to Tony's and I see the war had begun. There was nothing in the house to do with, and not one of the hull family would let any one else go up to her house after the things we needed. You know she just went to Tony's (her sister Kate's son) for a few days 'cause she couldn't git no help, and she just died there onexpect-edly.

So I told them there was only one way to do and that was to appoint two or three responsible persons to go up there and see that everything was all right and get what was needed and kind of take charge till the will was read. And then they up and give the key to me and I started up there.

You remember where the house is—the only stone house in town and the last one on the south road. It was way past midnight then, and a lonesome walk, but a pretty one. In the stillness, my feet echoed on the board walks as though a dozen were tramping up there instead of one. And as I walked I thought that the ways of Providence are past finding out. You know how Jasper Freeman happened to marry her?

It must have been almost fifty years now that the Irish were about starving and we, as usual, sent over provisions. Well, Freeman's

people sent some, and he, a boy at home, sent a note along, asking who ever might get it to answer. And the barrel went to one family by the name of McCarty, and Mary, one of the girls, replied. They corresponded for a while and then he proposed and was accepted by mail without their ever seeing each other.

In a little while he sent her money to come over here, and they was married as soon as she landed. His people was awful mad, so he took her and started West, come here and settled down when there was mighty few people to keep them company. He built a saw mill, went into the lumber business—no lack of lumber then—and made considerable.

But nothing must do till she sent money for her folks. First Blackwood came, then John and Dennis, and Kate and Julia and Billy, and then the old woman and the rest of them. And Freeman just about supported them. Why, one of them never died but he bought the coffin or went security for it. Poor man! But she was a tartar. I guessed he must have tried awful hard to get killed in the war. Fought three years and a half—went as a private, and come home a Captain,—but he come home.

And then he built their house—finest one in town then, and got a carriage and a grand piano, (only one ever in town) and she took music lessons and got so she could play psalm tunes real nice. She was a maid in some great family in the old country they say, and she tried to act real fine.

I remember when that house was built, she told people she was going to have front stairs for her guests to condescend on, and back stairs for her servan's (one bound girl) to condescend on. She may have condescended on a ladder at home.

Yes, she had a Sunday School class at one time. You know our village boys are great on serenading—well, she told her class of half grown boys to come and serenade her some time and she would treat them. The boys went. Let's see, there was Clark Ernest, he lives in Detroit now, and Ed Applebee, he's an editor in San Diego, and your pa, that's a doctor right here, and lots more, and they went up there and sung, and sung, and sung, "My Bonnie" and "Nut Brown Maid," and "B. I. N. G. O. and Bingo was his name," and then as a hint, "Good Night, Ladies," That fetched her and she got up and invited them in. I can see them now, real happy, expecting apples and cake and pie. But she talked, and talked—real edifying talk—but that wasn't cake, and the boys waited for the treat.

Well, after she got through talking, she made each little sinner kneel down and pray and then she sent the hull lot home without a bite.

And once she had a tea party and wanted everything extra fine, so she varnished the furniture the day before and it didn't dry. The next day each woman that was there was

around inquiring what would take varnish off'n black silk, and talking real mean about Mrs. Freeman.

But they're dead. Jasper first; he left her twelve or fourteen thousand dollars, and now she is gone.

I walked along in the moonshine and shade and listened to my foot steps and looked at my shadder for company and thought. The houses grew further apart, and then I come to the end of the board walk and could look off on the fields, where the white mists was rising like winding sheets. When I come to the house the evergreens looked so thick and black, and shaded the porch so, I felt solemn.

I opened the door and went in, and there was everything just the way she left it. I hunted 'round till I found the things I wanted and then I locked up and went back.

Tony's house being small, we carried her home for the funeral, and then the clan gathered. Billy borrowed money of Kate and they come down from Detroit the next day. And Blackwood came from Lansing and Maggie from North Adams.

How they talked! Kate would tell how Mary had promised her gold watch and chain to her, and Nora would tell how Mary had hung that very chain around her neck and told her how becoming it was. And they would count up the number of black silk dresses she had had and wonder how good they were yet. They wondered how she had left things and if she made any will, for they didn't know anything about her business for sure. And Kate would tell how she had gone there and nursed, and Maggie, the butter she had sent, and that's the way they went on. But the hull lot of them staid right there and run up a grocery bill.

When the papers come from the Judge of Probate, they all went down to the bank, and Frank Northrup read the will. And weren't they mad! She left everything, real and personal, to Mr. Smith, our minister. Kate and Nora started across the street to find Kinning, the new lawyer, but Blackwood started out to find Smith, and told the girls to go back.

Smith came up to the bank and talked to them real good. He said Mrs. Freeman told him of the will but that he asked her to destroy it as he had no claim on her property, but as she had seen fit to leave it that way, he would let it go through the Probate Court and then divide it among them, keeping a few hundred dollars for himself. So its left that way, and Smith gave Billy money enough to get home with, and paid the grocery bill, too.

Say, Smith is trying to save up money to go through Yale; he's only twenty-three—and did you know he's an Irishman.

ALICE STRONG.

Conversation is the daughter of reasoning, the mother of knowledge, the breath of the soul, the commerce of hearts, the bond of friendship and the nourishment of content.

## A LETTER FROM KANSAS GRAND MATRON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—After a silence of two months I will give a report of Chapters visited.

Progress Chapter, Parsons, was first visited. I was met by Sister McFarland.—Bro. McFarland was G. P. in 1892—and it seems like going back to an old home to be with them, and their kind hospitality will never be forgotten. On the following day I was the guest of Sister Gregory, W. M.; who spared no pains to make my stay one of pleasure. The evening was devoted to the Chapter meeting, and we found ourselves exchanging happy greetings with the sisters and brothers who in 1889, came in a body, at request of Rob Morris Chapter to exemplify the work for its benefit. To Progress Chapter is due much of the success and good work of Rob Morris Chapter. As I looked over the familiar faces a feeling of sadness came over me and I turned my gaze to the wall where hung the picture of one who was not there to greet me, Sister Lizzie Gabriel, A. G. M. of 1891. I thought in silence, "not lost but gone before." She lived for the good she could do and not for self. Progress is a thrifty Chapter and has always stood No. 1 in all things.

On the 13th on my way to Chetopa I was joined at Oswego by Sisters Cook, Canaday, Schock, Stice and McNell. It being a regular meeting of Excelsior Chapter there was a full attendance. I had the pleasure of meeting Sister Swain from Vinita, Ind. Ter. The work of this Chapter was equal to any. The officers were very efficient in their work, the Secretary's books are models of neatness. A good Sec. is something every Chapter should feel proud of. At 12 p. m. we started for Oswego where I remained until next morning. I was the guest of Sister and Bro. Schock.

Being only a short distance from Independence, I concluded to make a short visit to Sister Lucie Clark, D. D. of 3rd Dist., who I found at home and enjoyed her hospitality greatly.

From Independence I went to Caney, and as I had a short stop at Coffeyville, Sister Clark telephoned a sister to meet me. I was agreeably surprised at being taken to a hall where a dinner was served under the ladies of the Presbyterian Church. At train time a hack came and I was again on my way, left with my thoughts to ponder over the kindness of my sisters and brothers.

At Caney I was met by Brother Stone, husband of the W. M. In the evening I attended Chapter meeting, and the work was well done. I must here mention that I am always on the look out for innovations. Imagine my surprise to find that a pass was taken up. When asked where they got that part of the work, no one seemed to know only that some Grand Officer had instructed some one, and some one had told them it was the proper thing to do. I referred them to the ritual and other work of the Order,

saying these are our guides and law, and anything not mentioned in these were innovations and out of place. I thoroughly instructed them in ascertaining who were members and entitled to seats in the Chapter-room. The one ritual and work promulgated by the General Grand Chapter is our guide and should be strictly adhered to, so that when visiting in any State or jurisdiction we, one and all can stand the test. I have said considerable in regard to this matter but feel it my duty and shall expect each Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction to take heed and govern themselves accordingly. Aside from this the Chapter deserves great credit, having robes and other paraphernalia for their Chapter. The W. M. was very efficient and I was pleased to compliment her and the other officers, and bespeak for the Chapter a prosperous year.

Coffeyville Chapter was next visited. Sister Rammel entertained me. At usual time I went to Chapter it being their regular meeting. The work was gone through with in regular form. Having no real candidate Bro. Reynolds lent himself as a willing sacrifice to the cause. In all candor I must say I never witnessed a more impressive or dignified initiation and I wondered what a real one would be if a mock initiation was so impressive. Chapters do not all realize as they should that first impressions are lasting. The W. P. elect declined to serve and in a few well chosen words gave his excuse, he was not present when elected and said his hearing was defective and in justice to the Chapters could not accept and thanked the Chapter for the honor conferred. Chapter then asked for special dispensation to elect a Patron which I granted, and Bro. Garlick was unanimously elected. It is indeed a pleasure to see such harmony prevail. At close of Chapter a bountiful repast was served, and it is at such times we can judge of the fraternal feeling existing. There is nothing like our banquets and lunches to bring out our social qualities. I wish to say that all the Chapters I visited were up in the art of entertaining, and serving banquets, and I dare not say which was best, for each seemed to vie with the other in this work and I did ample justice to each one. There is an impression abroad that the brothers are the ones that like to feast and enjoy the good things. I wish to say I think the sisters do their share in this feasting work.

In looking over my report to Chapters I find I made no mention of Leroy Chapters' work, which was not intended, for Leroy did good work, and was as fine a Chapter as I have visited, and the officers efficient in sociability as well as work.

My visits to Chapters are very profitable to me, and if each Chapter visited has gained by my visit I am well repaid for the journeys taken. I had a number of invitations to act as installing officer, but as most of them came on same dates it was impossible to accept all. Two only, Electa and Rob Morris,

were attended. Both were public and I think were a surprise to the Masons who were not members of the Eastern Star, from the way they spoke of our beautiful installation ceremony. "Bread cast upon the waters after many days may return."

Jan. 1, I attended Shrine banquet at Leavenworth, which was a grand affair, it being the first time that Abdallah Shrine had invited the nobles' wives. To say the ladies enjoyed it is speaking very mild. I had the pleasure of meeting two of my District Deputies—Sister Rolfe of First District and Sister Libbie Towner of the Second.

The next great social O. E. S. event was the wedding of Miss Lillian Wiggs, G. M. of 1891, of which I think there is a full account. She has changed her name but she is our Lillian still the same. Her loving smile, kind words and the dignified manner in which she presided as Grand Matron, will always be treasured by those who attended Grand Chapter in 1891.

It is now time for me to start on another trip to visit Chapters, and hope to be able to report in next issue the Chapters visited in as prosperous condition as those already reported.

ELIZABETH MAGIE.

(Continued from Page 158.)

Fannie F. Lincoln, P. M., installed the officers of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, Jan. 12, assisted by Mary H. Norton, P. M., as Mar., and R. Emily Little as Chap. The ceremonies were public and the chapter-room was more than crowded with the members and guests—the folding doors being thrown open and the ante-room brought into requisition to accommodate the large number present. During the ceremonies Miss Thayer and Mr. Clarke gave several vocal selections which added much to the beauty and solemnity of the work so impressively rendered. Beautiful bouquets were presented to the installing officers by the W. M., after which Dora Baker, P. M., in behalf of the chapter, presented the retiring W. M., Annie B. Westgate, with an elegant P. M.'s jewel. Annie L. Lincoln, W. M.; Arthur W. Rice, W. P.; Fannie I. Terwilliger, A. M.; Sarah E. Barrett, Sec.; Hattie E. Child, Treas. Refreshments were served.

R. Emily Little, P. M., installed the officers of Magdalene Chapter, Maynard, Jan. 2, assisted by Ethel K. Moor, P. M., as Mar., and Sister A. Maynard as Chap. The members of this chapter have not the privilege of frequent fraternal visits which many other chapters enjoy, as there is no conveyance whereby another chapter can be reached and return the same evening, except by a long carriage ride, yet we found a bright and prosperous chapter of seventy-five members, and a well filled treasury. Maggie Deane, W. M.; Frank R. Conner, W. P.; Minnie Durkee, A. M.; Lizzie Wilson, Sec.; Lida Hart, Treas. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter, Charlestown. A banquet was served at early evening.



Jan. 3, assisted by Ethel K. Moor, P. M., as Mar., and Sister French as Chap., R. Emily Little installed the officers of Electa Chapter, Waltham, of which Alice P. Warren is W. M.; Allen D. French, W. P.; Fannie I. Dill, A. M.; S. Frank Ray, Sec.; Ann M. Hardy, Treas. At the close of the chapter ceremonies, Arthur P. Smith, P. P., with a neat speech presented the retiring W. M., Lizzie J. Havener, with an elegant P. M.'s jewel, to which she feelingly responded in grateful appreciation of the beautiful gift. The W. M. presented the installing officers with beautiful bouquets, with well chosen words of appreciation of the services rendered, closing with these lines:

"For our inspiration, we have Bethlehem's Star,  
To guide all the faithful, from near and from far,  
From every State, and from all lands;  
To that beautiful City not made with hands.

Our wish is, that your life may be  
Beautiful as these flowers I give to thee;  
And when the journey of life is o'er,  
That we'll meet, and clasp hands on the heavenly shore."

Adams F. Brown, G. P., has granted dispensations for the organization of two chapters within the past month, one at Milford, the other at Stoneham. The Grand Officers have labored faithfully and earnestly since assuming their high and honorable positions for the upbuilding of our beloved Order; and although the harvest has not been a fruitless one thus far, still, owing to the great depression in business affairs in this jurisdiction, much of the gleanings will be left for their successors.

Two candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner in Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Feb. 12. A basket picnic was held after the meeting. No little merriment was created in the unveiling of the statues that held baskets laden with provisions for the evening's banquet, which were sold at auction. Although a blizzard was expending its strength outside, a goodly number were present, and warm hearts and hands extended a most cordial welcome.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, received four petitions and elected two applicants, Feb. 15. An apron and necktie party was held after the meeting which was greatly enjoyed. The music was by Alpha's Orchestra. Refreshments were served.

The officers of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, initiated two candidates in a very pleasing manner, Feb. 9. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a dance to be held after a short business meeting, March 9. Refreshments were served.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, will celebrate its seventh anniversary with a Bon Bon Party at Knights of Honor hall, Feb. 27. Past experience assures us it will be a very enjoyable occasion. Two petitions were received at the last meeting.

The chapter-room was well filled to witness the installation of Crystal Chapter's officers at Mahlen, Jan. 25. The ceremony was per-

formed by Anna B. Huntress, P. G. M., assisted by Mary H. Norton, P. M., as Mar., and Cynthia B. Cutter as Chap. Fine musical selections under the direction of Bro. Fred O. Nickerson, Org., were rendered during the ceremonies. Beautiful bouquets were presented to the installing officers by the W. M., in behalf of the chapter, with words of love and gratitude. Hannah L. Knowles, W. M.; Horace F. Gleason, W. P.; Faustina A. Clapp, A. M.; Ida M. Cunningham, Sec. A banquet was served.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, elected three candidates and initiated eight at the meeting held Feb. 5. A committee of twenty was appointed to prepare an entertainment for March 20.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, initiated two candidates, Feb. 7, and received two petitions. Eight dollars and sixty-six cents was reported as the proceeds of a whist party given at the residence of Sister F. Arnold, Treas., Jan. 31. R. E. L.

#### NEBRASKA.

Again I claim a place among the writers for THE EASTERN STAR from the far off State of Nebraska. It has been my pleasure since I last wrote to you, of making quite a number of official visits, and am glad indeed, to report so favorably from all, although a very few of our chapters are in need of something to stir up, and keep up, the interest in the work. Yet, on the whole, I am proud of the condition of our Order in Nebraska as I have thus far seen it. I left home the morning of Jan. 1 in response to a most cordial invitation from Tuscan Chapter, Kearney, to be present at its regular meeting on that evening. I arrived at Kearney safely; found quite a delegation of sisters and brothers at the train. In company with Dr. H. A. Turton, G. P., who had arrived some hours earlier, I was driven to the home of Sister and Bro. Haggard, where we were most hospitably cared for. After supper we repaired to the chapter room and it has seldom been my lot to meet with a more genial, intelligent company than I met with in this chapter. The work was exemplified in a very satisfactory manner, and after a short rest work was resumed, the Floral Addenda was beautifully rendered. The entire corps of officers were costumed in white, and together with the flowers, robes and brilliant lights, a most beautiful scene was presented. I was altogether left in uncertainty at the close of the ceremonies, as to whether I should from my heart say "Amen," or whether I should encore. I decided to remain quiet, but I did say "Amen" to your humble servant. After work a bounteous feast was spread, and another feast of good things had. I was most kindly entertained while I was in the city by Sister and Bro. H. J. Allen, in their beautiful home. Tuscan paid all my expenses.

On Jan. 2 I visited Dawson Chapter, Lexington, the home of the G. P. I found this chapter quite large and a great deal of enthu-

siasm among the workers. The work was exemplified, a banquet served, and an exceptionally pleasant evening was spent. Sister Hall, W. M., kindly cared for me, and I was entertained by Sister and Bro. Andrews, also. Expenses paid.

January 3 I visited the little city of Cozad, Meridian Chapter, and here again I found sisterly and brotherly love and care. Almost the entire evening was spent in drill, and after some speech-making by our G. P., myself and others, the room was cleared, and as if by magic, tables were spread, and a beautiful and bountiful repast was enjoyed by the large crowd of Stars that were present. I was made much at home and kindly cared for in the home of Sister and Bro. Clark Brown to whom my thanks are due. This chapter has a fine corps of officers and will be a strong chapter I believe. Expenses paid.

Jan. 5 I visited Signet Chapter, North Platte. I found this chapter following closely upon the work done in Tuscan Chapter. The membership is made up of the finest material the city affords, intelligence, wealth and hospitality, combined. The work was exemplified in a very creditable manner, showing to me very conclusively that it was not new, nor just for the occasion. Cut flowers from Grand Island green-house were used in the Floral work. Some time was spent in exchanging of thought and sentiment. Talks were given by our G. P. and myself, and then; how can I tell it—such a feast as we were invited to partake. The meeting was altogether a feast for the soul and body. Sister and Bro. Hall have my warmest thanks for care during my stay. Expenses paid.

On Jan. 6 I visited Fidelity Chapter, Shelton. I was met at the train by Sister and Bro. Broda, and taken to the home of Sister and Bro. Morris, where I stayed during my visit, and I can assure you, I was most tenderly cared for. Sister and Bro. Morris will please accept my gratitude. After supper we repaired to the chapter, and found quite a number of sisters present, but very, very few brothers. The work was then exemplified, a drill given, thoughts exchanged and a feast partaken of. This chapter had the misfortune of being organized with 60 charter members, thus exhausting at once all available timber, making it a problem indeed as to the prosperity and growth. I have promised to visit them again in the near future and hope to be able to help them in some things. A future paper will give an account of the rest of these visits. ANNA E. MUSSELMAN, G. M.

#### WEST VIRGINIA.

The Bazaar given by the Fraternity of Wheeling, was a success, yielding toward the furnishing of the Temple, \$2,000. The members of Miriam Chapter were untiring in their efforts for the success of the enterprise, and Cyrene and Wheeling Commandries showed their appreciation by presenting the chapter with an elegant vase, which had been voted them at the Bazaar.

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Sister A. A. Matteson, Grand Secretary,  
will please accept thanks for Michigan Pro-  
ceedings for 1893.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held a  
very pleasant session in Milwaukee February  
21 and 22—nearly every Chapter was repre-  
sented. Ten Chapters were organized during  
the year.

We are indebted to Sister Adency Irons,  
Past Grand Matron, for a copy of the "Open-  
ing and Closing Ceremonies of the Grand  
Chapter of Wisconsin," for which she will  
please accept our thanks.

During the past month two of Queen  
Esther's members have been seriously ill—  
Sister Regina C. Rice and Bro. Charles Da  
Shiell. We are happy to say that both are  
improving, and we hope will soon be able to  
meet with us again.

Greensburg Chapter was organized Feb-  
ruary 15 by Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Pa-  
tron, with thirty-two Charter members. Bro.  
Rice was assisted by members of the Chap-  
ter from Shelbyville and Milroy. At the  
meeting held February 22, fourteen were ini-  
tiated.

The paper entitled "The Eastern Star—Its  
Origin, Progress and Development," read by  
Sister Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand  
Matron, at the Woman's Congress, can be ob-  
tained from the office of THE EASTERN STAR  
for the small sum of ten cents.

Troy Chapter, Covington, was organized by  
Bro. Markley, Worthy Patron of Athens Chap-  
ter, February 12. He was accompanied by  
twenty-four members of Athens who exem-  
plified the work. A banquet was served, and  
a severe snow-storm prevented the visitors  
return home until the following morning.

With the February issue of the "Masonic  
Constellation," St. Louis, Sister Mary C. Snel-  
den, M. W. Grand Matron, severs her con-  
nection as Editor of the Eastern Star depart-  
ment. She has held the position for two  
years but her other duties prevent her con-  
tinuance, however, we hope that while she  
may not be able to continue in charge of a  
department she will be able to give us occa-  
sionally articles.

Many kind words and wishes for the suc-  
cess of THE EASTERN STAR reach us and are  
gratefully appreciated. Let all the sisters who  
really wish it well evidence the wish by send-  
ing one new subscription. There are many  
who do not know of it, and it is impossible to  
reach the members except some sister makes  
it an especial work in her Chapter. To one  
who will give it her personal attention we  
will gladly allow a good commission. Sisters,  
lend us your aid and let THE EASTERN STAR  
shine in many homes in every Jurisdiction.

This city is noted for its clubs, and the va-  
riety might suggest that there could be no  
room for one of an original character to be  
formed. There seems to have been one va-  
riety overlooked however, for a Western  
town has the latest thing in women's socie-  
ties. The members decided that darning was  
too dull work to be done alone, so they or-  
ganized a club, which meets every Wednes-  
day morning. One woman reads aloud while  
the others repair the family hosiery. Thus  
an unpleasant task is changed into a delight-  
ful morning.

The months speed rapidly by—two of  
'94 are already among the things that were.  
What have they recorded for us? Let us  
pause on the threshold of this month and  
consider whether or not we are making of the  
time loaned us as the best use we can. We  
are simply stewards and shall be called to  
account for even the moments. Many spend  
them very carelessly, very indifferently,  
seemingly thoughtless as to why they were  
vouchsafed them, realizing too late that there  
might have been profitably spent to the  
benefit of others and self.

In a recent discussion in the Professional  
Woman's League the following thoughts on  
organization were brought out. "Organiza-  
tion really means the suppression of the in-  
dividual for the benefit of the whole. It is  
something which raises us in the scale of be-  
ing, something which makes the weak strong,  
and the strong stronger, if they use the  
power aright. The best thing you can give  
to anything or any body is something of  
yourself. Money is something, but better

than this is your time, your thought and your  
cheery presence."

Among the members of Queen Esther  
Chapter Birthday surprises seem to be the  
order of exercises. February 10 quite a num-  
ber of the members called upon Sister Barnes,  
who reached that day a mile stone. On the  
following week Sister Holderman invited the  
members to assist her in surprising her hus-  
band, and a few days later Brother Human  
and daughter planned for Sister Human a  
surprise. The members of Queen Esther  
responded generously to these calls, and each  
is spoken of as a very enjoyable and long to  
be remembered occasion.

Is it the fact that the social features of our  
Order are cultivated and encouraged at the  
expense of that better part—that "greatest  
of these?" Are we more ready to respond to  
the call for pleasure than for rendering to  
each other "aid, comfort and protection?"  
The Chapter or the individual member that  
seeks alone the pleasure to be found in our  
Chapter association is robbed of the best  
gifts. It is the custom of some Chapters to  
arrange for an entertainment at each meet-  
ing, and for a time all goes well, but there  
must be a deeper, stronger foundation upon  
which to build this beautiful structure than  
mere pleasure. We are taught that "cheer-  
ful companionship and social enjoyment  
lighten the burden of active duty," so also  
are we obligated to "give to our sisters and  
brothers advice in their troubles, sympathy  
in their sorrow and aid in their misfortunes."  
Let us lend our best efforts to the perform-  
ance of the one as well as the other of these.  
The Chapter meetings should be made pleas-  
ant that those attending may desire to come  
again, and while it is not possible for all to  
think alike, if there be differences they can  
be presented in such a manner as to evidence  
the sincerity of the motives, that it is not  
actuated by prejudice rather than opinion or  
principle. There are many ways to "aid each  
other" aside from the giving of alms, and if  
aid be reserved for those only who need alms  
the lessons taught are but imperfectly re-  
ceived. Let those who are weary from the  
burden and heat of the day find in this fra-  
ternal family the true spirit of kinship—that  
which should be tendered each to the other  
by those who have seen His Star in the East  
and are come to worship Him.

## LETTER FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

February 2 by special invitation together  
with the Grand Patron, Bro. O. B. Sargent,  
I visited Queen Esther Chapter, at Indiana-  
polis. They have a large and beautiful Chap-  
ter-room, with "Star chairs" and head rests  
of appropriate colors. A new floor star with  
emblematic flowers and designs adorns the  
center. A beautiful altar cloth of white felt,  
finished at its edges with deep double fringe  
of the felt above which in outline is the five  
colors in rope silk, covered the altar, also a



white felt cover for the kneeling cushion on which was embroidered in yellow silk floss "Queen Esther Chapter O. E. S.," finished to match the altar cloth. The work was done by Sisters Rice and Root, and they were beautiful additions to the furnishings. Flowers and potted plants were every where. Visitors were present from Noami, Westfield and Peru. The opening March was beautifully given in the form of the letters O. E. S. The work was rendered for the first time under the newly elected officers, and was done in a most excellent manner, and as perfect as possible. No rituals were used. The officers wore beautiful robes. All then adjourned to the banquet room, where two long tables were spread with covers for one hundred—ninety-eight being seated. The tables were prettily decorated with flowers, the walls being made pretty with decorations of flags. Nice refreshments were served, to which all did ample justice. Bro. E. W. Barrows, Worthy Patron of Queen Esther, was toastmaster. Sister Nathalie Connelly, Worthy Matron of Queen Esther gave the welcome. Toasts and speeches were indulged in, when the pleasant finale came. At the last meeting of the Grand Chapter of Indiana a committee of three was appointed to embody in some substantial token the appreciation felt by the Grand Chapter for Bro. Wm. H. Smythe, who had for seventeen years discharged the duties of that grand body being Grand Secretary. Upon this occasion it seemed peculiarly fitting for the presentation of this token. Bro. Willis D. Engle, doing the honors in a nice little speech. Bro. Smythe, with feeling responded with a few well chosen words. The present, consisted of six pearl handle forks and knives, one dozen teaspoons, six dessert, and one sugar spoon, one salad and pickle fork. All engraved with the letter S., and encased in a beautiful case. A "token most worthily bestowed." The Grand and Past Grand Officers present were as follows: Helen E. Macomber, Grand Matron of Indiana. Oliver B. Sargent, Grand Patron; Lizzie J. Smythe, Grand Secretary; Olive E. McGrew, Grand Conductress; Sarah W. Burns, Grand Sentinel; Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter; Bro. Martin H. Rice and Bro. Willis Engle, Past Grand Patrons of Indiana; Addie C. S. Engle, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut; Bro. Wm. H. Smythe, Past Grand Secretary, and Melissa M. Blodgett, Past Grand Lecturer of Indiana. May this pleasant occasion be never forgotten. I was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

HELEN E. MACOMBER,  
Grand Matron.

#### GREETING FROM R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19, 1894.

DEAR SISTER:—Some months have passed since we have sent you any word of greeting from this office. We have intended to send you an account of our visit to Golden Rod,

Maple, Marguerite, Rising Sun, Lady Washington, Miriam and Queen Esther Chapters. At the first four we were privileged to assist in the Installation Ceremony, where flowers, kind words and much enthusiasm met us on all occasions.

Marguerite of Joliet, installed jointly with the Royal Arch Chapter, the latter furnishing the banquet and the former preparing it. After dinner speeches were made by prominent Masons, we responding for "The Eastern Star." The Floral Work was given by this and Rising Sun Chapter to a large and select audience, who appreciated the ceremony in loud applause.

Lady Washington met with a severe loss by fire, but she is up and doing with new regalia, plenty of work, and an efficient corps of officers, meeting temporarily at Robey and Madison Sts.

Miriam Chapter No. 1 has moved into the south side Masonic Temple, Forrest Ave. and 31st St. They celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary the second Saturday evening in March. We have been invited as one of the oldest active members in the State, a charter member of Miriam Family, which was organized Oct. 6, 1866, changing the name of the organization March 14, 1869 to Miriam Chapter No. 1 of Ill., working under the authority of Robt. Macoy of N. Y.

Golden Rod will move into the north side Masonic Temple May 1. Siloam meets in the west side Masonic Temple. Queen Esther has the honor of the Associate Grand Matron of Illinois, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, who installed their officers in a manner that proves her worthy of promotion.

During the summer the ladies of the Eastern Star Corner were invited by Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford to spend the Sabbath at the delightful little suburb of Peotone. We were ready whenever a time was mentioned, which was done, and we found ourselves at Peotone on Saturday eve, Feb. 3, and were met at the depot by Mrs. Arnold, Worthy Matron of Dorcas Chapter No. 5, and our esteemed hostess, Mrs. Bradford and daughter. The next day, Sunday, was a beautiful winter day. Mr. Bradford is pastor of the Presbyterian Church and a forcible and most impressive speaker. His text in the morning was from Luke 10, 27-37. Especially forcible was the story of the good Samaritan who came and passed not by on the other side, but supplied food, drink and raiment, without seeking to know the creed, station or politics of the poor unfortunate. How it brought to our mind obstacles we met while seeking aid for the dear old couple mentioned in the last issue of THE EASTERN STAR. Monday morning brought regrets from Mrs. Bradley, who was prevented from making the trio complete as contemplated.

Dimitted means the same as suspended, we find. We shall certainly do what we can for these needy ones, asking no questions, bearing in mind that it is a case of humanity. Believing that a man who is

palsied with age and incapacitated for any business, and who has paid dues for nineteen years in his Masonic Lodge deserves some consideration from his more fortunate brothers. We desire to publicly thank Mrs. Emma L. Allen, Worthy Matron of Golden Rod Chapter, Chicago, who came to our assistance, reporting the case to her Chapter, when they raised money for coal and bread. Also to the members of Queen Esther Chapter who responded to the call.

Dorcas Chapter, Peotone, held a regular meeting Monday evening, Feb. 5, with Mrs. Orta Arnold, Worthy Matron, presiding. Mrs. Sarah M. Bradford was present as a visitor, although she expects to change her membership from Taylorville, her former home, to Dorcas Chapter. We were received here also, as elsewhere, with much kindness and seated in the East as a guest of honor. This is one of the many Chapters that have demonstrated their usefulness by giving practical effect to the one of the beneficent purposes—that of aiding a sister or brother in distress, a brother and sister whose family had been afflicted with a contagious disease, thereby depriving the members of extending those little courtesies, which are so welcome in the sick room, from friends. The Chapter made an order on the treasury for expense of a nurse, thereby making lighter the burden of the sister. A banquet was served. We returned to Chicago Tuesday morning much rested and refreshed, after spending the Sabbath under the hospitable roof of Rev. P. G. Bradford and wife, whose guests we were during our stay.

Mrs. Palmer has invited us to give a short account of our Eastern Star Corner for the book to be compiled by herself and published by Congress. And as ours was the only photograph taken in the Organization Room, we are in hopes that a page may be given us for the Corner.

We desire to say to the sisters and brothers from Maine to California, who have been so solicitous for our welfare since the gates were closed at the "Dream White City," sending kind words and waiting with anxiety to hear that we were "off duty" on account of overwork. Not a day were we absent from our desk. There were days and weeks that we were obliged to work on half time and sometimes less. But we feel sure that their kind thoughts have reached us and aided us in getting back our courage and strength, for

"I hold it true that thoughts are things  
Endowed with being, breath and wings;  
And that we send them forth to fill  
The world with good results or ill.

That which we call our secret thought  
Speeds to the earth's remotest spot,  
And leaves its blessings or its woes  
Like tracks behind it, as it goes."

Very courteously yours,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,  
R. W. Grand Secretary.

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## GLEANINGS.

## CONNECTICUT.

Meridian Chapter, Meriden, met Jan. 18 and initiated one candidate, received two petitions and installed their officers. Julia Kenworthy, W. M.; H. C. Voorhees, W. P.; Mary A. Geer, A. M.; Adaline Smith, Sec.; Julia Derby, Treas.; Martha Yale, Con.; Ida Beckley, A. C.

## INDIAN TERRITORY.

Purity Chapter U. D., Vinita, is in fine shape. New members are constantly coming in. We have our jewels and the points have chairs of the appropriate colors and silk throws to match, which are very pretty. We are looking hopefully forward to our charter. Our G. C. meets in August. Our good Masonic brothers are having a desk made for the Star. Blessings on every Mason! Occasionally we have refreshments and invite some Masons, who are not Stars in to help us be thankful. Feb. 15 the refreshments were cake, coffee and gab. S.

## ILLINOIS.

Miriam Chapter, Chicago, at its last meeting received 15 petitions.

Lady Washington Chapter, Chicago, gave a party at Masonic Temple Feb. 20. Of course it was a success.

The members of Henrietta Chapter, Turner, gave a Poverty Social, at Masonic Hall, Feb. 13, to which all were invited. The only restriction being that every one must have a patch on their clothing. A fine program had been prepared and these who attended enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Elgin Chapter and Elgin Lodge F. & A. M., held a public installation Dec. 22. Bro. Lawrence, P. P., with Sister Ida B. McCracken as Mar., in his usual impressive manner, conducted the chapter's installation. Sister Fraine, W. M., re-elected; F. S. Orton, W. P.; Rose Fairbanks, A. M.; Edith M. Turnbull, Sec., re-elected; Annie J. Briggs, Con.; Elsie M. Beckley, A. C. Then followed the installation of Blue Lodge with Bro. Turnbull, P. M., installing officer and Bro. Leator as Mar. Jan. 29 Elgin Chapter held a Hard Times' Party at Masonic Hall. It was largely attended and was a big success. It was in charge of the A. B. C. D. E. & F's. The program was very interesting. The Drill by the Young Ladies' Brigade under the leadership of Bro. Joe Caughley was the attraction of the evening. The souvenirs were five-pointed stars cut out of brown paper, with the seal of the chapter on the upper one and the program written on the under and tied together with cord. The refreshments consisted of mush and milk. F.

## IOWA.

[From the Grand Matron.]

Jan. 17 the G. M., Sarah E. Woods, visited Eddyville Chapter. Two candidates were in-

itiated, the work being done in a very creditable manner. Fifteen members of Ottumwa Chapter were present, having driven over for that purpose. After work refreshments were served, and the social hour was greatly enjoyed by all. Eddyville is the home of the D. G. M. for the 5th District, Mrs. Belle Y. Fais, who accompanied the G. M. to Oskaloosa, where a very promising chapter was instituted Jan. 18 and 19, with a very capable corps of officers—Mrs. Lida Shara, W. M.; F. E. Smith, W. P.; Mrs. C. L. Webster, Sec. Visitors were present from Newton, Eddyville and New Sharon; Newton Chapter rendering valuable aid in the exemplification of the work for the new chapter. Those who witnessed the work of Newton Chapter in their own hall during the session of the G. Chapter fully appreciate the assistance they gave, both to the new chapter and the G. M.

In response to the call of the G. M., Oriental Chapter, Lovilla, held a very pleasant meeting Jan. 22. One candidate was initiated, the new officers showing very commendable zeal in their preparation for the work.

Engle Chapter, Chariton, and Mt. Olive, Lucas, each responded to the invitation of the G. M., and, in spite of the driving storm and intense cold, a goodly number appeared each evening, and the work was done very satisfactorily. These chapters, all have new officers, who give promise of doing excellent work with a little practice.

Jan. 25 Emblem Chapter, Corning, tendered a reception and banquet to the Masonic Fraternity at that place, at the same time installing the officers of their chapter. The G. M. acted as installing officer, assisted by G. Treas., Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, of Red Oak, as G. Mar. Mrs. Sybil J. Tubbs, of Emerson, G. Electa, was also present. The occasion was a very enjoyable one.

Humboldt Chapter was instituted Jan. 27. They start with 30 members, all of whom are very enthusiastic, and show that they possess in a large degree the virtues of hospitality and sisterly courtesy, inculcated in all the teachings of our Order. Mrs. F. A. Lowrain, W. M.; Dr. Ira L. Wild, W. P.; Mrs. Sarah A. Cadett, Sec.

At Webster City Jan. 30 Sharon Chapter was instituted with 25 members. The promise for this chapter is very bright—its officers seeming especially capable and efficient. Mrs. Mary E. Lee, W. M.; J. W. Young, W. P.; Mrs. Lulu M. Lee, Sec.

At Newell, Feb. 1, another bright Star arose to be known as Newell Chapter. The meeting at this place was very pleasant and will long be remembered by the G. M. as one of the most agreeable of a very enjoyable series of meetings. There, too, are bright officers and earnest workers. Mrs. Emma Forbes, W. P.; A. Pratt, W. P.; Miss Minnie Driver.

## INDIANA.

Columbia City Chapter installed its officers

Jan. 5, Sister Augusta V. Hunter, P. G. M., serving as installing officer. Mrs. Grace Sterling, W. M.; E. K. Strong, W. P.; Miss Mattie Liggett, A. M. The chapter has a splendid corps of officer and a successful year is predicted.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its February meetings with Sister Hornshu Feb. 8, and Sister Stockwell, Feb. 23. Both were pleasant and largely attended. Its last meeting in Jan. was held with Sister Holderman, Vice Pres., and the report of the year's work was very gratifying.

Terre Haute Chapter at its meeting of Feb. 6 had a large attendance and the new officers did the work excellently. Quite an interesting program followed. A Bran Pie was dished up by Sister Vaughn and a Floral Love Tale was given, conducted by Sister Burns, which made the time merry.

Queen Esther Chapter at its last meeting initiated one candidate and received one petition. After the close of chapter the section served refreshments and gave a march around which made some merriment and was enjoyed by most of those present. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

The members of Naomi Chapter, O. E. S., in large number, gave Mrs. Emily I. Schley, of 202 Clifford Avenue, a surprise party on Friday evening, bringing with them refreshments. Mrs. S. has just finished her term as Matron of the Chapter, and in token of their appreciation of her, this surprise was planned. Upon sitting down to the table Mrs. Mattie Connelly, Associate Matron, on behalf of the Chapter, presented Mrs. Schley with a handsome Past Matron's badge of solid gold and finely engraved. That the gift was appreciated was demonstrated more by the actions than the words of the recipient. After spending a very pleasant evening the party broke up at about 11:30. —Ex.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, continues to add links to its chain. At its meeting Jan. 25, three were initiated, and no rituals were used. The chapter was surprised to see the Star points beautifully robed—each sister having provided her own. After work the young sisters furnished an entertainment which was in every way enjoyable and was sufficiently creditable to insure its repetition for the public which was well attended. The receipts were used for charitable purposes. The entertainment of Feb. 21 is in charge of the brothers, and as they are fully equal to the sisters, as has been evidenced on former occasions, we may look for something unique—the invitations are printed on brown wrapping paper, natural ragged edged, and after a style peculiarly their own.

Jan. 23 Forest Chapter, Butler, entertained 31 members of Evening Star Chapter, Edgerton, Ohio, 21 members of Auburn Chapter, and 23 members of Waterloo Chapter. The work was exemplified by the officers in a



very impressive manner after which the Floral Work was given, then came a quartette by young ladies and a solo by Mae Bruce. Ruth and Naomi was given by Mae Bruce and Florence Freyberger. A delicious repast was served, after which Bro. W. O. Butler, W. P., Waterloo Chapter, made some interesting remarks, giving the sisters of Forest Chapter great praise for the very efficient manner in which they did their work, and especially the splendid entertainment they had received. Quite a number of outsiders were invited for the latter part of the entertainment. 125 persons were present. A very pleasant evening was spent together until train time which came all too soon.

Orient Chapter, La Porte, held a special meeting Dec. 29 for installation of officers. Bro. E. J. Church, P. G. P., served as installing officer, assisted by Sister Jennie T. Nye, as Mar. Helen E. Hitchcock, W. M.; Otto Richter, W. P.; Mary Taylor, A. M.; Clara L. Nye, Sec.; Susan Scott, Treas.; Nancy J. Zener, C. After music, and some timely remarks by Mortimer Nye, P. P., the installation ceremonies closed. Jan. 31 the ladies of Orient Chapter gave a supper and sales-table at Masonic Hall for the benefit of the hospital fund. The entertainment was a success, both socially and financially. In the large banquet rooms were five tables, beautifully decorated in the colors representing the five points of the star. These, with the colored lights, made a very attractive appearance, and every one felt amply repaid for his efforts to "climb higher." Music added to the pleasure of the evening. They cleared about \$40.

## II.

The year of '93 has been an unusually prosperous year for Wabash Chapter. Our annual election of officers was held at our last regular meeting in December, with the following results. Lizzie Chapler, W. M.; Lincoln Gynn, W. P.; Elizabeth Myers, A. M.; Annie Herring, Sec.; Yetta Bockman, Treas.; Emma Teague, Con.; Martha Court-right, A. C. The last meeting in Jan. was a very enjoyable one. After chapter closed the W. M. invited the members to the banquet room below, where refreshments were served by the officers, as a surprise to the members. It was decided to hold a Midway Plaisance Social Feb. 16 and 17, the proceeds to go towards buying a piano for the chapter room. The weather not being pleasant, the 17th, it was thought best to run it another night, but still the weather did not prevent a large attendance. I was a complete success. The Congress of Beauty representing sixteen different nations was the first to attract attention. There was no end of fun there, and the costumes were fine. Next was the Laplanders Village where ice cream and cake was served to those desiring it. Across the room from the Laplanders' was the Japanese Bazaar which was arranged in true Japanese style and two Japanese tea girls who served tea and rice balls. From here you entered

the Streets of Cairo, where booths were arranged on either side. Here candy, popcorn and lemonade were sold. The Bom Bom man assisted by the various characters of a typical Midway, kept up a continual clamor. Brother Horace Murphy as the Bom Bom man acted it to perfection. The Indian Village was quite to perfection. Among the inhabitants of this village were two Indians, who were kindly loaned from White's Institute. Next was the Ferris Wheel run by steam. The Gypsy Maiden was kept busy telling fortunes to those desiring to know the future. The Blarney Stone was kissed. In the German Village the ladies served sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee. The Grand March occurred at 9:30 in the Chapter-room, which was enjoyed by all. Josiah and Samantha were there enjoying the sights and scenes. We will have \$150 clear after expenses are paid.

A MEMBER.

## KANSAS.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, has inaugurated a series of "Dry Socials" which are not dry in any respect except that no refreshments are served. The first of the series was given at the invitation of Sister Busenbark at her home. All present enjoyed a delightful evening. On the evening of Jan. 31 the chapter was again entertained at the home of Bro. and Sister Bristow, where various games made the hours pass all too soon.

A. S.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, held its regular session Feb. 6, it being the second meeting for our newly elected officers. Ida B. Carson, W. M., presided with dignity; nearly all the new officers were at their stations and had committed their work very nicely. The dimmit of Sister Lottie M. Worcester, was before the chapter, she having moved from Stafford, Kan., to Pond Creek, Okla., preferred to place it in Olive Chapter where she first took the degrees. She is the daughter of Jennie M. Pearsoll, G. Treas., and while able to be in a chapter was a faithful worker. A notice came to us from Solomon City Chapter of their misfortune by fire. Olive, as usual, responded with their little mite to help in time of need. Three petitions were presented. Our Treas. elect, J. J. Stewart, who was not present at installation, was installed, Sister Hepler acting as installing officer. Chapter then closed and all did justice to the fine banquet which the ladies pride themselves on spreading at the close of each meeting. The "Taffy Pull" given last month was such a success and so enjoyable an affair we shall look forward to something else in the near future to add pleasure in bringing us together socially oftener.

J. M. P.

Jan. 17, an elegant dinner party was given by Mrs. Alex Monroe at her beautiful home, in honor of Miss Lillian A. Wiggs, whose marriage took place Jan. 18. The guests assembled at 2 p. m. The hostess assisted by her accomplished daughters, Misses Annie and Minnie, received in the front parlor which was a bower of beauty with its decor-

ations of palms, ferns and old gold draperies. It was a recherche affair. The guests were seated at small tables throughout the different rooms. Dinner was served in six courses with dainty hand-painted china and embroidered linen, the handy work of the daughters. Miss Wiggs and her out of town friends were served at one table. Of these we note the following O.E.S. members: Mrs. Elizabeth Magie, G. M.; Mrs. L. M. Gibson, P. G. Mar.; Mrs. Libbie Towner, D. D. G. M.; Miss L. Buckingham, Miss May Bolman, all of Kansas, and Mrs. Bacon, of Evansville, Ind. The guests were at the tables over two hours after which they strolled about the spacious rooms enjoying social intercourse and listening to recitations and music, both vocal and instrumental, rendered by Misses Monroe and Minnie Walters. Prior to departure Mrs. Magie, G. M., tendered Miss Wiggs two handsome etchings in behalf of sister members of Adah Chapter, Lawrence. Miss Wiggs responded with grateful acknowledgement. The weather was perfect and as the sun reached the horizon it seemed to linger with us, and smiled its good wishes and benediction. At a late hour each reluctantly said good night.

A. H. G.

Lucretia Garfield Chapter, Downs has entered upon the new year with much enthusiasm. I will not say we have a few "leading spirits" bringing up the work, as the interest is very general. Our W. M., Sister Dimond, enjoys the distinction of having been the first Matron of the chapter and filled the position for four successive years, that she has again been compelled to yield to the chapter, after a good rest, tells its own story of her popularity. At the second meeting this year, our hall was opened to the public after the close of chapter, and a fine program rendered a distinguishing feature of which was recitations by two of the prize-winners in the elocutionary contest, at the Teacher's Association at Concordia, in November. Lucretia Garfield now has a new neighbor in Cawker City Chapter, instituted during the past year. These sister chapters exchanged fraternal visits during the fall, which were both a pleasure and impetus to the older as well as the younger chapter. Lucretia Garfield Chapter is one of the older ones in this jurisdiction, and though it has had a varying membership, it has never retrograded—having always had a few zealous ones to hold the standard. Two of our best helps, young ladies, married during the past year, causing a great loss to us, but doubtless a gain for them, so we bow to the "must be's." We are looking forward to an official visit in the near future, of which we will write you.

Y.

Electa Chapter, Girard, held a very pleasant meeting Dec. 26, it being the installation of officers. Sister Magie, G. M., assisted by Sister Dawson as G. Mar., was installing officer. Sister Magie read a very interesting paper, which was enjoyed by all present. I will send a copy of it with this report. Per-

haps it will give a word of cheer to some other chapter. Sister Magie is a worker in every sense of the word, and we deem it a great pleasure, with her pleasant manner and words of cheer to have her attend so many of our meetings.

This is, indeed, a pleasant task for me to speak of The Order of the Eastern Star, which stands second to one only, that the Masonic Order from whence it originated. Prejudice against the Order is fast disappearing, and its membership to-day is nearly 75,000, and stands a bright monument to female secrecy and fidelity, and proves how wrong those are who fancy a woman is not to be trusted. The Eastern Star will prove to be one of the brightest jewels that spangles the record of Masonry. We prove our love for Him who gave us light by our love for one another. The flowers and fruit of to-day are from the seeds of the past and teaches us that the pure principles of our Order will accomplish great good. Its mission is not ended but just begun. What Masonry does for the Masonic brother the Eastern Star shall do for the Mason's wife, daughter, widow, mother and sister. Together the Masonic brother and Eastern Star sister shall enter the temple of the Eastern Star and consecrating themselves to a pure and useful life, become bound in bonds of Charity and Loving Kindness. The brother kneeling at such an altar but feels stronger the obligation resting upon them, to walk uprightly and be worthy of such companionship. Then, and then only, will Masonry have interested in its behalf a new and powerful influence. Its lodges shall be most prosperous where our Chapters are best sustained. They shall learn fidelity to convictions of right from Adah; Constancy from Ruth; Love of kindred from Esther; and be inspired from the trustful faith of Martha, and Electa shall teach them loyalty to truth. And through the mystic rites of our Order all true sisters and brothers, whether at home or among strangers, shall recognize each other as walking in bonds of true companionship. In conclusion sisters and brothers, let us continue in our great work in which we are so strongly bound together for the good of our fellow-beings. With this brief address and a heartfelt wish that this joint installation may be a pleasant and profitable one, we will now proceed to install the officers of Electa Chapter for the ensuing year.

On the evening of Jan. 22 the new officers took up the work with interest and a determination to bring Electa Chapter to the front. There were three petitions presented, which disproves the idea that "the initiation fee being raised there would be no more candidates. Electa Chapter has a membership of 88, all good active members, and all endeavoring to live up to the teachings of Electa.

G. S.

#### MISSOURI.

Bro. E. H. Phelps, W. P. of Harmony Chapter, Kansas City, is also Eminent Commander of Oriental Commandry K. T.

Harmony Chapter, Kansas City, has taken a new departure. Every alternate meeting is devoted to a social, and refreshments, dancing and games are in order. This calls out a large attendance at all the sessions. The business meetings are busy ones. Applications for membership continue to come in, and work in the degrees is a regular business. The new W. M. does the entire work

without the aid of the ritual, and requires all her assistants to do likewise. The sad news of the death of Sister Helen L. Griffith, of St. Louis, until recently a member of Harmony Chapter, came to us last week. Sister Griffith was one of our most faithful members, and was universally beloved.

#### MICHIGAN.

Feb. 6 was the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Ionia, at which time six candidates were elected and six petitions presented. At that meeting arrangements were made for a special to be held on Feb. 20 at which time Doric, of Beldin, Radiant, of St. John's, and Cyclamen, of Lowell, are to be the guest of Queen Esther.

Jan. 26, Bro. A. S. Wright, W. P., with a body guard of thirty-four members of Queen Esther Chapter, Ionia, made a visit to Cyclamen Chapter, Lowell. The Ionia delegation were met at the depot and conveyed to the rooms and at six o'clock were all seated at the banquet table. After that a social hour. When the chapter was opened by the home officers at the urgent request of the W. M. the officers of Queen Esther conferred the degrees on two candidates, a greeting of half an hour followed. When they came to order again several were called on, who responded promptly. After the close of chapter more refreshments were served and the sociability was pleasant and was only broken by the work, "All aboard for the train." Every one, host and guest seemed to be enjoying the visit.

Feb. 7 A. S. Wright, G. P. visited Harbor Springs and instituted Harbor Springs Chapter with 27 members. Mary A. Lee, W. M.; Wm. J. Clarke, W. P.; Ella M. Eaton, A. M. In this instituting he had the assistance of the officers and members of Beulah Chapter, Petoskey—about twenty-five. The officers of Beulah Chapter opening, conferring the degrees and closing, thus giving the new chapter an object lesson. Sister D. C. Page, W. M. of Beulah Chapter, gave to the W. P. her very best labors for the evening. All such occasions are finished with a banquet, so as a matter of course, "the yellow-leg chickens were on hand. But what shall I do with the W. G. P. ? for Bro. Wright visited Beulah Chapter the evening before officially, and I presume it was scalloped oysters, with cake and coffee, and no leaving the chapter-room till midnight. I think he better stay home at least one week, and live on "Bread and water," for I have the impression that a new chapter will be instituted in the near future. Should such a thing occur I will inform you.

P. H. T.

#### MINNESOTA.

Feb. 12 Minneapolis Chapter tendered a reception to the officers of the Grand Chapter. Light refreshments were served. A musical and literary program as arranged by the committee was given, the participants being members of the chapter. Sister Mary Brearley, W. M., welcomed the Grand Officers, among

whom were Mary C. Taylor, G. M.; N. A. Gearhart, G. P.; J. D. Markham, A. G. P.; Sister Anna L. Simonds, G. A.; Sister Ida M. Wing, G. Sec.; Bro. E. C. Goltry, G. Lec.; Sister Estella Apgar, G. Org., and a number of others, besides Sister Louise Jacoby P. G. M., Andrew P. Swannstrom, P. G. P. A large number of visitors from St. Paul and other adjacent chapters were present. The response to the welcome was ably given by the G. M. N. A. Gearhart, G. P., answered to the sentiment "The Value of the Eastern Star to the Masonic Fraternity." "How to extend the Growth and Usefulness of our Order," met with a fitting response from the Grand Sec. J. D. Markham, A. G. P., expressed many choice thoughts upon the topic, "The Lessons of the Hour," while "The Side-Saddle Goat" driven by E. C. Goltry, G. Lec., created merriment and greatly interested the listeners as well, because of the incident related concerning the interest manifested during a casual acquaintance at the World's Fair, in the Eastern Star, by a native of Damascus, that most ancient city of the world, whose situation on the luxuriant plain at the eastern base of the Anti-Libanus is one of unrivaled beauty. Surely, my sisters of the Order, we of the Occident may soon help to carry to the Orient—the Present to the Past—some light, some joy to our benighted sisters and "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

At the last meeting of the Eastern Star Literary Circle, entertained at the home of the Secretary, Sister H. M. Myers. A paper was read by Sister Silloway entitled "The History of Our Country for the Past Quarter Century."—a trustworthy account, written with a high degree of philosophical insight into cause and effect, replete with valuable suggestions, carefully selected events and patriotic sentiments, clothed in language calculated to please, affect and persuade.

February 5 a chapter was organized at Rockford by the G. M., with thirty-five charter members,—the chapter to bear the name of the town, Rockford.

Feb. 8 another chapter known as Valley Chapter was organized at Chaska by Mary C. Taylor, G. M., assisted by Bro. William M. Walker, Sisters Walker, H. M. Myers and L. Frink.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, gave a very successful Valentine ball Feb. 14—about two hundred being present. The arrangements were in harmony with the day, and the costumes of the ladies suggested appropriate reminders of the busy little god of love.

Minneapolis Lodge A. F. & A. M., tendered a reception Feb. 16 to the members and their wives, daughters, sisters and mothers. This lodge having a membership of 695, the attendance was very large, but they never undertake anything but what it is a success, and a most decided success as well, and this reception was by far the most elegant affair thus far of the season. The committee of



arrangements, consisting of B. F. Holbrook, W. M. W. B. Hixon, P. M., John A. Schlener, W. M. Walker, Mar., and H. M. Myers, Sec., are entitled to much praise for the taste and elegance displayed. The Commandery room, where the reception was held, was lavishly and tastily decorated with choice flowers—an orchestra discoursed sweet music, while literary numbers and stereopticon views illustrating "Scott's Lady of the Lake" were added features of enjoyment. In the adjoining banquet hall, supper was served, and scattered about the parlors were card tables for the amusement of those who desired to play, after the rendering of the program. Perhaps it may be granted a laudable pride if No. 9 O. E. S. boasts among its membership all the above named brothers, and added to the pride is the firm conviction that much of the success which has attended the ladies Order is due to the untiring and efficient aid of Minneapolis Lodge.

Sisters Lillie Mason, P. A. G. M., Alice Willard, Della Eddy, Agnes DeGroodt, Stella Appgar, Angie Seamans, W. P. McDonald and Bro. A. S. Dimond, of Ex-celsior Chapter, were the guests recently of O. E. S. friends in Minneapolis. A barrel of clothing was forwarded to the Associated Charities of Minneapolis by the above mentioned chapter. It is well for us all to remember that "cheerful companionship and social enjoyment," though not in the least to be disparaged, are not the only objects of the Order, but that "the Order of the Eastern Star exists for the purpose of giving practical effect to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry, which is to provide for the wives, daughters, widows, sisters and mothers of Master Masons."

Beginning Sunday evening Feb. 18 Rev. J. B. Hingeley, pastor of Foss M. E. Church, Minneapolis, will deliver a series of five lectures upon the "Heroines of the Order of the Eastern Star." The membership throughout the city being cordially invited to attend. Bro. Hingeley is a member of Minneapolis Chapter and prelate of "Zion Commandery No. 2." Following is the order and arrangement of the topics: Feb. 18, "The Morning Star of Promise, Adah, her Father's Pride; or the Young Girl in her Teens." Feb. 25, "The Star of Hope, Ruth, her Mother's Stay; or the Young Woman at Work." March 4, "The Star of Beauty, Esther, the Beautiful Queen; or Woman in Society." March 11, "The Guiding Star, Martha, the Ministering Angel; or Woman at Home." March 18, "The Star of Mercy, Electa, the King's Daughter; or Woman in acts of Charity." Special vocal and instrumental music has been provided, also appropriate recitations. On Feb. 18 Miss Foss recited N. P. Willis' beautiful poem, "Jephthah's Daughter."

LOUISE LYON JOHNSON.

MASSACHUSETTS.

After the close of Golden Chapter, Westfield, Feb. 2, an informal meeting of the sisters was held, at which a plan was formed for

the organization of a sewing circle. This circle held its first meeting with Mrs. Nellie Conner, A. M., Feb. 6, where the arrangements were perfected. The object of this "Tuesday afternoon Sewing Circle" is to make articles for a fair, which it is hoped will be held in the fall or early winter. The membership fee and small weekly dues will purchase materials to be made into useful articles and "things of beauty" by the skilled fingers of the members. The second meeting was pleasant and profitable. It is decided that one member shall read while the others sew, thus removing all temptation to "gossip," a sin which is, I believe, generally attributed to sewing societies. At the regular meeting of Golden Chapter, Feb. 16, five petitioners were elected and three petitions received. There was a full attendance, and a large amount of business accomplished. Feb. 9, by invitation of Sister Ellen Cornwell, Golden Chapter, held at her home one of its dime socials. A fine supper was served, after which a delightful evening was passed in music, games, etc. Though the evening was unpleasant and the walking very bad not one of the large number present regretted having braved these difficulties. We had as guests that evening, Sister M. F. Wallace, A. M., of Adelpia Chapter, and her husband. This brother and Sister were formerly valuable members of Golden Chapter, and, it is always does us good to see them among us.

G.

Eastern Star work for January is largely devoted to installations and Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., has been unable to comply with the many requests for her services, presented by the several chapters. Jan. 2, assisted by A. F. Brown, G. P., and Lena W. Lamb, G. Mar., she installed the officers of Olive Branch Chapter, Ashland.

January 4, assisted by the G. P., G. Mar., and Helen A. Atkins, P. M., as G. Chap., Sister Ewing, G. M., publicly installed the officers of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston. The chapter-room was so crowded with members and guests that the space so desirable for a Mar. to do her work to her own satisfaction, was largely occupied, yet the work was finely rendered and won high commendation from those present. The chapter-room was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion, and a banquet served at early evening. The Grand Officers were the recipients of beautiful bouquets. Clara W. Palmer, W. M.;

Wm. H. Stocker, W. P.; Esther A. Gerald, A. M. Close upon this very pleasant meeting the chapter is bereft of its first W. M. and organizer, Elizabeth M. Kimball, who died of pneumonia, Jan. 7. On the same evening her husband was stricken with the same disease and died during her burial, Jan. 10. Bro. and Sister Kimball were initiated in Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, but after a few years dimitted and organized Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, and Sister Kimball held the position of W. M. for two years, later she filled other positions of trust.

Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., installed the officers of Keystone Chapter, Boston, Jan. 9, assisted by Adams F. Brown, G. P., Lena W. Lamb, G. Mar., and Fannie K. A. Bliss, P. M., as G. Chap. The retiring W. M., Ellen E. Hicks, was presented with an elegant P. M.'s jewel. Jennie E. Morse, D. G. M., extended the courtesies, and Fannie K. A. Bliss, P. M., in behalf of the chapter, presented the retiring W. P., Wm. A. Blossom, with a beautiful emblematic ring. Bouquets were presented to the Grand Officers, and a banquet served. Jennie E. Hicks, W. M.; T. P. Higgins, W. P.; Viola E. Borland, A. M.; Caroline F. Austin, Sec.; Caroline K. Morse, Treas.; Lillian M. Johnson, Con.; Alice M. Blossom, A. C.

January 15 found the G. M. with Mystic Chapter, East Boston, for the purpose of installing the officers of that chapter. Here she was assisted by the G. P., G. Mar., and Carrie A. Odiorne, P. M., as G. Chap. The chapter-room was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion—the pedestal at the East being worthy of particular mention. Over three hundred members were present to witness our beautiful ceremony so impressively rendered. Nearly all of the officers are serving a second term. Sister Nellie B. Fisher declining a re-election as A. M., Sister Linda Wood was elected to that position. Maria W. Hyde, W. M.; Edward G. Graves, W. P.; Wm. G. Smith, Sec.; Nettie Wood, Treas. Refreshments were served.

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vices of the G. M. for the installation of its officers, Jan. 8. She was assisted by Wm. A. Blossom, A. G. P., Lena W. Lamb, G. Mar., and Helen A. Atkins, P. M., as G. Chap. The ceremonies were public and the chapter-room was well filled with the members and their guests. This chapter, which was organized the last of March, 1893, with twenty-three charter members, has raised the number to seventy-five, and has five candidates in waiting, also a good financial balance in the treasury. Mary E. Fitch, W. M.; Henry Spavin, W. P.; Mary A. Johnson, A. M.; Chas. J. Foye, Sec.; Mary A. L. Wild, Treas. At the close of the ceremonies, interesting remarks were made by the Grand Officers and others, among them being that of the W. P., who presented an elegant P. M's. jewel to the retiring W. M., Nellie S. Crane, in behalf of the chapter. The W. M. presented the Grand Officers with beautiful bouquets. A banquet was served.

The annual meeting of Crystal Chapter, Malden, held Dec. 28, was a very interesting although a sad one, as the W. M., Hannah L. Knowles, had just been called to yield to that silent messenger, Death—her mother, whom so many members of the Order hold in such pleasing remembrance, and the hearts of all joined in tender sympathy. This chapter, which was organized in January, 1893, with twenty-four charter members has been blessed with a remarkable growth and prosperity, now numbering one hundred and seventy-five members and has several candidates in waiting. It is well equipped for work and has a balance of \$125 in the treasury. This was the first meeting during the year that the chapter had not worked, and with a large number of candidates, as may be seen by its remarkable growth. All of the officers were unanimously re-elected.

Annie B. Huntress, P. G. M., installed the officers of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, Jan. 11, assisted by Carrie S. Fairbairn, P. M., as Grand Mar., and Cynthia B. Cutter, as G. Chap. The beautiful ceremony was greatly enriched by vocal selections given by P. P., Geo. H. Munroe, and Sisters M. M. Lenfest and Abbie M. Munroe. Georgiana Clark, W. M.; Chas. M. Pear, W. P.; Annette Gove, A. M.; Louise Henderson, Sec.; Jennie L. Richmond, Treas. Sister Clark is the sixth W. M. of Signet Chapter, and it was a unique and happy thought which presented itself to appoint her five predecessors, in order of their rank, to confer the five degrees of the Order. Surely we should see good work in Signet this year. An elegant P. M's. jewel was presented to the retiring W. M., Sister M. A. Sutton, and beautiful baskets of flowers to the G. M. and G. Mar.

Helen A. Atkins, P. M., installed the officers of Highland Chapter, Somerville, Jan. 3, assisted by Annie R. Scolley, P. M., as Mar., and Sister Angie K. Dyer, as Chap. Abbie J. Carlton, W. M.; Frank E. Noyes, W. P.; Carrie Cushing, A. M., Amy Manning, Sec.;

F. Arnold, Treas. Chas. H. Cushman, in behalf of the chapter, presented the retiring W. M., Mira A. Andrews, with an elegant P. M's. jewel. The installing officers were presented with beautiful bouquets. A banquet was served.

Jan. 5, Sister Atkins installed the officers of her own chapter, Vesta, Charlestown, assisted by the retiring Matron, Annie R. Scolley, as Mar., and Mary E. Abbott, P. M., as Chap. At the close of the ceremonies, in behalf of the chapter, Sister Atkins presented Sister Scolley with an elegant P. M's. jewel, and the W. M. presented the installing officers with very beautiful bouquets. Ella G. Sprague, W. M.; Chas. W. Alden, W. P.; Grace E. Cousins, A. M.; Helen A. Atkins, Sec.; Elizabeth Harrison, Treas. The members of Vesta Chapter are quite proud of the souvenir picture of "Eastern Star Corner" which now adorns the walls of the chapter-room through the courtesy of R. W. G. Sec., Lorraine J. Pitkin.

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**MRS. MARY J. WASH.**

**Grand Matron 1879-80.**

The motherly face, framed with its silver hair reveals to my readers one of the pioneers of the Order.

May 21st, 1823, Mary J. Bryan daughter of Nicholas Bryan, first saw the light. The little one could proudly trace her ancestry back many generations through the Bryans, Scotts and Clays, Kentucky's proudest sons.

In 1832 her parents removed from her native place, Paris, Kentucky, to Springfield, Illinois, there she grew to womanhood, and in 1840 was married to Milton H. Wash, who was also a native of Kentucky, although shortly after his birth his parents returned to Prince Edward County, Virginia, and when he was five years of age they removed to Vandalia, Illinois, and later to Springfield, Illinois. Bro. Wash was a Mason of prominence, having served as Worshipful Master of Beacon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Eminent Commander of St. Aldemar Commandery K. T., and as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Missouri.

For fifty years Bro. and Sister Wash traveled life's path together and on June 28th, 1890, he peacefully passed away.

Nine sons and three daughters were given to them. Nine of these were lent but a little while and are with their father on the other side waiting to welcome "Mother" when her work is done. Three sons are left to comfort their mother in her declining years. John M. and Ben

S. of St. Louis, and Frank H. of California.

In 1844 Bro. Wash took his little family and moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, where they lived until 1850. A little incident connected with their life in the far West has come to the writer's ears—but it must not be repeated to Sister Wash—St. Joe was a small

village, and church fairs were about the only means of amusement. One was in progress, numerous prizes were offered: "The handsomest man," "most popular lady," "the ugliest man," etc. Among others was an original one, "To the mother of the greatest number of babies in the fewest number of years." Sister Wash was always ambitious, she knew she was destined to win two of these prizes. She came to the handsomest man, would, of course, go to her husband, and she felt pretty confident of the set of china for the most babies. She entered the lists, the contests were lively. She won the china, but although over forty years have passed Sister Wash will tell you that those judges were "not good judges of manly beauty or they would never have given that cane to that Mr. —"

In 1862 the family came to St. Louis and have ever since been identified with the city's growth and prosperity.

The Eastern Star life of Sister Wash began in 1875 when Bellefontaine Chapter No. 69 was organized. She was its first Worthy Matron and Bro. Wash its first Worthy Patron. They afterward united with Tuscan Chapter No. 68, where she still holds membership.

In 1879-80 Sister Wash served as Grand Matron of Missouri, and has always felt a deep interest in its welfare. She was also one of the organizers of the General Grand Chapter and was the first Worthy Grand Associate Conductress 1876-78, and Worthy Grand Conductress 1878-80.

Our sister has a strong personality, and her presence is always



MRS. MARY J. WASH.

felt in any organization she is connected with. She is very decided in her likes and dislikes, and is never afraid to say on which side she stands; nor does she ever seek the popular side. She has a charming grace of manner, and is an easy conversationalist, although more than three score years and ten have passed over her, her mental vigor is unimpaired, and she still takes an active interest in the affairs of life. She has always been an earnest member of the High Church of England, and is now a prominent worker in the society of Daughters of the Confederacy. Our sister's purse is always open to all causes of humanity, but she has given unostentatiously, not letting the "left hand know what the right hand doeth." Although rheumatism and a severe attack of la grippe have made it impossible for her to go out and mingle in social circles as in former years, she still feels a motherly care for all, and every caller at her pleasant home is sure to receive a most cordial greeting. We hope many years of usefulness may yet be given Sister Wash.

MARY C. SNEDDEN.

#### THE CEREMONIALS OF THE EASTERN STAR.

[By H. A. Guild, Grand Patron of Nebraska 1896. Read at Woman's Congress, at Chicago, May 16, 1893.]

Fidelity to conviction and to principle always commands the admiration of the true and the good. Its terminals do not cluster amid temporalities, and pause not short of the realm of eternal verities. How forcefully is this seen in the sweetly persuasive story of Jephthah and his daughter, Adah. The old judge was devotedly attached to his only child; but, he had entered into a covenant with his Maker, by the terms of which, though unintended upon his part, he was to become the slayer of that child. Such a crucial test of the superiority of fidelity to obligation even to that of parental affection, is not a matter of frequent record upon the pages of the world's history—fortunately, shall I say? Is not a single instance sufficient? And in this instance nature asserts itself to a given extent. "Alas, my daughter, thou hast brought me very low; for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and cannot go back!" Why not? Because withheld by the binding force of moral obligation. Nor was the party most deeply affected by the obligation's fulfillment in the least disposed to favor its abrogation. "My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which has proceeded out of thy mouth." When death is seen to be the result of this decision, then is seen the true nobility of soul that characterized this brave-hearted girl, with whom a father's honor was dearer than life itself. Can the power of such fidelity be lost while inculcated at the altar of the Order of the Eastern Star?

In the practical work of our Order, whatever of forceful and enthusiastic inspiration may be found in the thought-challenging

lessons communicated at the several points of the Star, may well be credited to the unique rhetoric of the Book of Books and the thrillingly beautiful and historical incidents which it records as a legacy for the good of all countries and of all time.

Perhaps to this fact, more than to all things else, is to be attributed the strength and solidity already characterizing our Order, and presaging for it a growth and development of beneficent achievement little dreamed of in the philosophy of its originators and projectors.

Nothing is easier than the organization of societies with social, literary and other merit, and having rituals of captivating and charming elegance, with enough of spectacular performance to provide against the possible contingencies of at least temporary merit. And it needs but a slight knowledge of history to enable us to enumerate almost indefinitely the vast processions of such societies that have wended their way to the tomb. There was wanting in them the element of permanency, based upon a principle that was indestructible, or worthy of continued existence.

Happily, in laying the foundation for the Order of the Eastern Star, this mistake was avoided. The Order was not founded for the mere sake of a pleasing ceremony, or for any ephemeral purpose, but from grand designs and for lofty purposes. Hence we may look for a continued growth and increasing triumph as the years go by. In its work there is something concretely real and grandly good—something in which self is comparatively forgotten in the blessed effort for the general good—something that is ennobling because it is Christly—something that is permanent because it is God.

This principle is further illustrated and enforced, though in a somewhat different way, in the instance that our ritual gives of the devotion of Ruth to Naomi, her aged mother-in-law. Voluntary abandonment of one's own country and people, to accept exile and poverty in a land of strangers, is a choice made sacred by convictions of duty to a helpless dependent. From this course logic has no power to swerve. "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." It is enough; the die is cast; and the result is well cared for by the God of grace.

Queen Esther furnishes another example in the same general line of duty heroically undertaken and bravely performed—of undying attachment to country and people—of thorough consecration to others' weal, and of sublime self-abnegation, if needs be, that innocence might escape the dire awards of injustice. By such a one the crown is becomingly worn, and the sceptre experiences no tarnish by her authoritative touch. She has no special use for the "half of a kingdom," but the strength of her desire for her people's life and happiness is placed beyond the pale of preadventure.

And Martha comes to us from the fourth

point of the Star, with lessons (direct and implied) so rich and precious as to arrest and hold the attention of even the ordinary thinker—lessons of Love and Faith and Hope, and concerning the divinity of the Redeemer and the doctrine of the Resurrection, extorting from the Saviour the trenchant words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." While Electa, from the fifth point, contributes the elevating element of unyielding loyalty to Truth and the soul's supreme conviction of duty.

The Ceremonials of the Eastern Star, then, are such as may well commend themselves to the hearts of all Christian men and women. Based almost wholly upon the teachings of divine inspiration, with Biblical characters as examples, captious and uncharitable criticism should have no place among the good; nor will it have where goodness and intelligence are properly combined; and the Order, so admirably adapted to the development and enlargement of the social amenities, to the rendering of aid and encouragement where these are needed, and to the beautifying and exaltation of human character, will in the future, unless all signs fail, achieve a growth and usefulness that will even surpass the wonderful upbuilding of the past.

#### A LETTER FROM NEBRASKA.

NORTH PLATTE, Mar. 21, 1894.

DEAR EASTERN STAR: In an interesting letter from Montana, written, I think, by Sister Lizzie O. Marsh, she mentioned that the Empire Drill had been given, and thereby their Chapter had realized quite a large sum of money. Now, as our Chapter is in need of money and if we can obtain this needed article by giving the Empire Drill, we wish to do so. Can you, through THE EASTERN STAR, tell us where we can purchase a copy of the "Drill?" We have a flourishing Chapter and an efficient corps of officers, who have virtually discarded the rituals, and with whom the Chapter work in harmony. We are constantly adding to our Order, good, enthusiastic members. Our Grand Matron has complimented us very highly on our work, which has so wrought on our vanity, that we can achieve almost anything. We are anxious to have robes for our officers, hence this desire to raise money. The sisters of Signet Chapter have been having very delightful five o'clock teas, given every two weeks by one of them, for which graceful entertainment, each one present pays into the treasury for the robe fund, the sum of ten cents. We also have given one dime social, at Masonic hall, to which were invited the families of the Eastern Star members. While these gatherings are very desirable in the way of sociability, we do not obtain money very fast, and besides, we would like to be able to give these entertainments without the dime appendage, and if suggestions can be made through the paper, we would be grateful for all such.

We feel that robes for the officers would add greatly to the solemnity of the work, and very particularly to the Floral Work.

The published letters from the different Chapters are always read with much interest and are a great help to us. Fraternally,

"Signet."



## APRIL.

No days such honored days as these! While yet  
 Fair Aphrodite reigned, men seeking wide  
 For some fair thing which should forever hide  
 On earth, her beauteous memory to set  
 In fitting frame that no age could forget,  
 Her name in lovely April's name did hide,  
 And leave it there, eternally allied  
 To all the fairest flowers Spring did beget.  
 And when fair Aphrodite passed from earth,  
 Her shrines forgotten and her feasts of mirth,  
 A holier symbol still in seal and sign.  
 Sweet April took, of kingdom most divine,  
 When Christ ascended, in the time of birth  
 Of spring anemones, in Palestine.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

## ELECTA.

"He is gracious, if he be observed:  
 He hath a tear for pity, and a hand  
 Open as day for melting charity."  
 2nd Part Henry 4th.

The universal Sisterhood, I understand, has reference to the Order as a compact. In unity there is strength, so in the Sisterhood as a whole we see a vast multitude, all bowing at the same altar, and all acquiescing to the same mandates and professions.

In this body we must see what are the incentives that control it to make a just opinion of its usefulness and purpose.

When we observe the great multitude engaged in the same work, we must acknowledge that there is some laudable and some cementing power that causes this large and enthusiastic fraternity, and more especially so as it keeps the multitude as a compact in the strong bonds of unity and harmony. The universal Sisterhood is a comprehensive expression, and suggests the principles of love, and of friendship. When we see the dual words our thoughts revert to the elegant qualities that are the smiles and joys of life.

It is the reminder of those qualities that make happiness one of prominence in our daily walk. The word Sisterhood is expressive and carries our thoughts to a vast industrious community. It reminds us of amelioration and benevolence, and their effects and advantages in organized society work. This passage explains what is actually intended, as a correct definition of Sisterhood.

Dor. Nay, then thus:  
 We came into the world like brother and brother  
 And now let's go hand in hand, not one before the other.

Were we to examine the composition of the Sisterhood we would find that the whole organization could be narrowed down to the acts of one to another. While this may seem infinitesimal, still it is the vital energy, and without it there could be no compact, and no union. Life is but a scene of attentions and favors, and when conducted on recognized or approved systematic rules it is the means of blessings and advantages. None can comprehend what these blessings and advantages are until he has considered what a chaotic state we would be in were there no Sisterhoods, and no bands for compacts to keep society in a condition of order and regularity.

There is nothing that gives so much inward joy and secret satisfaction as living in detail the elegant principles of harmony and unity. We can readily comprehend why our acts to one another are so important in this subject. Plutarch has a passage that nicely explains it. His monument stands in the Campus Martius; and they tell us he wrote an epitaph for himself to this purport, "No friend ever did me so much good, or enemy so much harm, but I repaid him with interest." The character of Electa is selected to portray the lesson of charity. The "Rambler" speaks thus of a person who does not follow out the principles involved in her disposition, "He must live forever without the gentle pleasures of sympathy and confidence; he must feel no melting fondness, no warmth of benevolence, nor any of the honest joys which nature annexes to the power of pleasing." We see this spirit of benevolence in this female. She was not of the class that waits for the needy to knock at her door, but as expressed by Pollok:

"She went abroad in search of misery,  
 That pined unseen, and would not ask."

It is the motive of the writer in these remarks not to seek out the historical facts, but rather to ascertain the incentives of these remarkable females, and how their history bears on our time. We see of what pleasure and satisfaction it is to live up to the tenets of our association. A very prominent one is charity in the spirit of benevolence. While the word itself is diffusive, and has very many definitions, it is quite pleasing to think that should adversity come upon us willing hands will promptly respond to our relief. In this world of strife and contention it is difficult to make these principles practicable, but if Electa's example is properly followed failure will be impossible.

In the instance of Electa the word has a benevolent bearing, or intent, but in a minute consideration it is generally accepted that it means liberality in its broadest sense. The Graces taught that the good qualities should permeate from one heart to another almost, if not in unison, and that it was by a perpetual issue of these chords of love and esteem that their properties could be discerned. In these three goddesses we get the matter for a successful society. Their teachings are our main principles. In Electa I see a character unexampled. I laud her because she was directed to do the good deeds by the exalted opinion that she had for her kindred, and more especially for those who were deficient in health and fortune. In the symbol of the cup we have the true picture of life. In this cup are the Scriptures, the bitter with the sweet, the blessings with the self-denials, the joys with the cares, and innumerable other components which our heavenly Father asks us to drink, and which I interpret as a sign of willingness and obedience. In this emblem we have the assurance that a hearty compliance will result in blessings rich and overflowing.

I see in this character the highest standard of the ideal female, and too; I discern the true field for activity and usefulness. Here I observe the scenes realistic, in a marked degree, just what a progressive course should result in. In the person of Electa I see a fine opportunity for study in the matters of female workers in the cause of benevolence and philanthropy. Her acts are what we admire, and so as we view the subject and ponder and reflect over its general import, we revert to the thought already expressed that our acts to one another is the underlying lessons of this fifth point.

It is pleasing to speculate over these varied examples or illustrations, to make comparisons of their numerous excellencies, to examine carefully their various shades of reference, and last but not least, to make a proper application that we may profit by the lessons. An understanding of these subjects will soften our grosser qualities, it will equalize our faculties, and keep us in a mediocre state. People of irascible or excitable natures if they were to study and to apply these good lessons would find themselves in a state of uniformity and consistency. And it is these conditions that enables us to make friends, to form chains of love, and to promote in many ways the system of fraternity and association. I am of the opinion that the knowledge of these points makes us better members, more zealous and appreciative than without the instruction. Certainly every member has a duty to perform, a record to achieve, a character to build up in our work, and a station to create and occupy in the galaxy of devotees who are striving to say in deed and word, "I have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

A. J. BURTON.

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winning party at the close of the contest. The first three games to be played at the rooms of Signet, Ruth and Highland Chapters, respectively; the fourth to be played on neutral grounds. The first game was played at Signet Chapter-rooms, Feb. 8, and was won by that Chapter by one minute over Highland, and Ruth, with her emblematic modesty, coming in somewhat behind. We believe Ruth scored a point, however, which will be prolific in future games. The several teams were as follows: Signet, Georgiana Clark, W. M., Captain; Mrs. Margaret A. Sutton, Miss Ida M. Powers, Frank E. Snyder, Richard W. Sutton. Wide ribbon badges ornamented with an enormous spider. Highland, Abbie J. Carlton, W. M., Captain; Mrs. F. E. Noyes, Valentina E. Collett, Frank E. Noyes, Frank E. Shaw. Highland plaid sashes. Ruth, Mary E. Fitch, W. M., Captain; Nellie S. Crane, Kate F. Faunce, Jennie Stow, Henry Spavin, Gorham H. Tilton, Chas. J. Foye. Yellow sashes with Ruth in gold letters across the breast.

## NEW MEXICO.

Feb. 26, the chapter at Silver City held a special meeting and initiated two candidates. It has a very fine chapter-room—belonging to the Lodge F. & A. M. and Chapter R. A. M.—also have very handsome silk robes and emblems for points. At each initiation a supper is served and a social hour indulged in.

## NEW YORK.

A new chapter has been started at Fulton. So far fifteen new chapters have been organized since the meeting of the Grand Chapter in June last.

Electa Chapter, Olean, has moved into its quarters in the new Masonic Temple, and the rooms are beautiful. The change should be characterized by renewed zeal in chapter work that the brothers may realize that woman's heart beats responsive to the same inspiration that prompts man to noble deeds.

## OREGON.

Myrtle Chapter, Portland, gave their annual ball Feb. 14, at Arion hall—the proceeds being over \$30. A goodly number were present, who voted this the bon-ton party of the season. Mar. 9, on their regular social meeting, a Hard Times social was given, which reflected great credit on the committee, Sisters LaKamp, Lutke and Gore, who had the affair in charge. After the grand march and the awarding of the prizes a short program was rendered. Miss M. Baker, being the soloist of the evening, never sang sweeter. Camelia Chapter will give its first social March 17.

One of the most pleasant O. E. S. events that ever took place in our jurisdiction was the excursion by boat to Oregon City, to assist N. B. Crane, G. P., to organize a new chapter, nearly 100 participating. The ride up the river was pleasantly spent in card-playing, etc. On our arrival we were met by the committee in charge and proceeded at once to the hall where 51 were waiting to be received into our Order. Pioneer Chapter was instituted Feb. 28. The ritual work was done by Myrtle Chapter and the floral work by Martha Washington Chapter in a most creditable manner. At the close of their beautiful but complicated march they were greeted by a storm of applause. The first three officers were installed by Sister M. E. Kellogg, P. M. of Myrtle Chapter, which was very appropriate for Sister Kellogg, as her father-in-law, Joseph Kellogg, installed the officers of Pioneer Lodge A. F. & A. M., the first Masonic lodge west of St. Louis. Bro. Kellogg bringing the charter across the plains with an ox team. The trunk in which it was brought is a highly prized relic of Pioneer Lodge. Work over, we proceeded to the Sunday-school room of the First Baptist Church, where we were banqueted and fairly feasted with good things. We returned to Portland at 2:30 a. m. Thus ended an affair long to be remembered by those who participated.

M. L.

## OHIO.

Findlay Chapter, was instituted on Jan. 26 by John M. Broderick, G. P. The chapter starts out with a membership of thirty—eighteen ladies and twelve gentlemen—this being the maximum charter limit. The chapter is working under a special dispensation and will continue to do so until the meeting of the Grand Chapter in October. One meeting has been held, and although work progresses slowly at first on account of its newness, yet much enthusiasm prevails and great hopes are entertained of the future. Up to the present time eleven applications for membership have been filed and many more names are expected in soon. Findlay has long cherished a wish for an Eastern Star Chapter, but it was left to that progressive and born organizer, Mrs. W. A. Lear, to make the wish a realization. As Worthy Matron her splendid executive ability will have full play and under her leadership the chapter cannot fail of success. Mrs. Lear and family, consisting of a husband and six children, have a pleasant home on Garfield avenue. They came here from Cleveland seven years ago, since which time she has done much good work of a benevolent and public spirited character, being a zealous member of the Howard M. E. Church, also of the W. R. C. and W. C. T. U. Added to this she is Past Chief in the Lodge of Pythian Sisters and a Lady of the Maccabees. Starting out under such favorable auspices, and numbering among its members many of our most influential and prominent people it bids fair to be very popular.

W.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

The officers-elect of evergreen Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Madison, extended an invitation to Cyrus Chapter, R. A. M. and Madison Chapter O. E. S. to install their officers for the new year with them. Mrs. Mary Brown, G. M., Sioux Falls, by invitation of Madison Chapter, installed their officers. A banquet followed and a general good time was enjoyed by all. With but one or two slight exceptions the O. E. S. was never in so flourishing a condition as at the present time.

A very successful festival and ball given under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity of Madison is noted. The Hall was beautifully and appropriately decorated. The Grand March was lead by the Grand Master and Sister McCallister, G. Sec., O. E. S. Each guest was presented a button-hole bouquet. The supper was in charge of the sisters of the chapter and of course was all that could be desired.

## WASHINGTON.

Vida Chapter U. D., Tacoma, initiated seven candidates on Feb. 26. The work was very impressively done, this being their first initiation. A large number of members from Fern Chapter was present. This chapter was but recently organized.

Mrs. Ella Godfrey, P. M. of Lorraine Chapter, Seattle, was presented with a rich O. E. S. pin, the presentation speech was made by Mrs. R. R. Palmer, P. G. M., who spoke of

the good work accomplished by the chapter while under the ministration of Sister Godfrey. This chapter has made wonderful progress, both socially and financially during the past year.

Fern Chapter, Tacoma, held their regular communication Feb. 14. After the business and chapter closed the W. M. requested all to be seated as the sixth degree would be conferred. For a few moments silence reigned and soon the door of the preparation room was opened and the Con. and Asso. Con. advanced, followed by the W. P., T. A. White, with Miss Matilda Barmer upon his arm, and approached the East. The Rev. C. R. Thoburn stepped forward and united them in the holy bonds of matrimony. This was a great surprise to the chapter as only a few had been let into the secret. After congratulations all repaired to the banquet hall where upon the tables were spread the wedding supper, with all the delicacies of the season. This is the first wedding occurring in Masonic hall at this place. Feb. 26 this chapter held a very enjoyable pie social. The pies were sold at 10 cents a piece and the gentleman buying the pie, ate it with the lady who made it—dancing followed.

## WISCONSIN.

Vesper Chapter, East Troy, Feb. 21, Sister Reynolds and Schwartz attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter at Milwaukee. Notwithstanding the mercury was below zero and many sisters had taken long rides (one rode 25 miles by stage) there was over 200 present and the cheerful greeting, the social converse and hearty enthusiasm exhibited by all would pay the trouble and discomfort of a cold day to be one with them. The Grand Officers were zealous in their labors to make the meeting pleasant and profitable, and I might enlarge upon the doings, if I did not suppose you had already received full particulars from the G. M. or G. Sec., and as I would like to add a few items from our own Chapter will resist the temptation. On our return home Feb. 22, we attended a ball and banquet given by the St. James Lodge A. F. & A. M. of East Troy—a success financially and socially—much needed in both instances. Feb. 27, Mrs. Susie Rogers, W. M. of Vesper Chapter entertained the members at her home. Sickness prevented some from attending, but all present enjoyed the social, the games and the fine lunch served by the hostess and her husband. Such gatherings are pleasant and profitable, and those who took the 10 mile ride in the mud did not regret it. This chapter has received six new members the past year, and now numbers 52, three have dimitted, but the golden chain has never been broken by death. March 3, at a regular meeting the degrees were conferred on the first young lady seeking admittance to our chapter. The work was exemplified in a pleasing and creditable manner and the Floral Work with its emblematic flowers and beautiful lessons, mingling with the fine chants arranged for that purpose, seemed to add new charms to the initiation and were so appropriate to the youthful candidate, who like Adah was an only child. But we hope she will not be called upon to sacrifice her life as did this heroine of our Star to the convictions of right and duty, but ever be a gleaner in this noble work like the humble Ruth, with the fidelity and strength of Esther, the faith and hope of Martha and the charity and benevolence of Electa. Each virtues calling forth heroic sacrifice of selfish feelings, and love so strong that harmony and peace will ever prevail within our circle. After the congratulations a sumptuous lunch was served, and the late hour called for the good-nights.

S. A. R.



## HIS ARM IS NOT SHORTENED.

Isalah 59-1.

Reach down Thine arm, Thou Mighty One to Save;

Lest I, like Peter sink into the wave,  
I need Thy strong right hand to lead me on,  
I need Thy grace to say, "Thy will be done."

Thou ledst Thy chosen ones from Egypt's land,  
Reach down Thy arm and take me by the hand,  
Earth's wilderness to me is dark and wild,  
Lead me, I pray Thee, as a little child.

Reach down Thy arm, O Lord, and lead me on,  
This angry storm, it is a wild, fierce one,  
So strong it is, I scarce can see the way,  
Reach down Thy hand and lead me lest I stray.

If I should stray, and straying cry to Thee  
My Saviour, I am lost, would hear my plea,  
That Thou wouldst take me by the hand again  
And lead me back? Would lead me safely on.

I know Thine ear e'en now is bending nigh,  
I know that ear will heed my feeblest cry.  
I know Thy hand will lead me all the way,  
Lead through the darkest night to perfect day.

My Lord, I can but trust Thee, lead me on,  
Give me the grace to say, "Thy will be done,"  
Give me the faith to always turn to Thee  
For help, Thou bleeding One on Calvary

P. H. TAYLOR.

Ionia, Michigan.

## LETTER FROM THE M. W. GRAND MATRON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—I want you to know what "good times I've had and you not in them." From Thursday till Sunday evening I spent in Chicago most enjoyably. Thursday I spent part of the day in our R. W. Grand Secretary's office, and the home of Mrs. Decker, and took dinner with Sister Emma Allen, Worthy Matron of Golden Rod Chapter. The party was composed of Sister Kenner, the Grand Matron of Illinois; Brother Kenner, Sister Pitkin, Mrs. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Allen and little Bessie. The long ride from the west to the north side gave us all keen appetites and the tempting dinner was enjoyed by all. As soon as dinner was over we found "in waiting" Sister Bentley, Associate Matron, who drove us to the hall of Golden Rod Chapter. It was a regular meeting of Golden Rod. The degrees were conferred on two gentlemen, after which the Floral Work and March were given. The work was well rendered, each officer seeming to be thoroughly posted in ritual work. After the close the banquet room was thrown open and a flower decked table stood in the centre of the room. Refreshments were served as at a reception, consisting of ice cream and cake. Just before the Chapter closed the Worthy Matron asked "Sister Magee, have you any thing to offer?" Sister Magee in an appropriate manner presented Sister Nettie C. Kenner a souvenir spoon cunningly tied with white ribbon, among pink and white roses. The handle was a stalk of Golden Rod and a gold bowl. The Associate Matron, Sister Bentley, then presented one to the M. W. Grand Matron. The Conductress, Sister Jones, followed with one for Sister Pitkin, and the Associate Con-

ductress, Sister Madewell, then told Sister Kley that the Chapter had one for her in appreciation of the efforts in drilling them in the Floral Work. It was all so perfectly planned and carried out that each one was well pleased. This Chapter is only two years old but it is doing work rivaling the oldest.

## PALACE CHAPTER U. D.

Friday evening, March 9, saw a merry party enroute to Pullman to organize a Chapter. We found seventy petitioners for the light of the Eastern Star. Sister Winship had made all the arrangements for the organization. She had each post filled by a Worthy Matron or Past Matron, so that fourteen chapters assisted in the work. I took, at her request, the position of Grand Marshall. After the instituting ceremonies the work was exemplified and instructions given.

Sister Winship on behalf of the Chapter presented the M. W. Grand Matron a beautiful basket of flowers that had adorned the East. She also presented the newly elected Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron those that had been in the South and North, and was herself presented with the one from the West. The banquet was one of the most sumptuous ever spread, and was one long table the entire length of the room. In the center was a beautiful pyramid cake surmounted by a star. I had the honor of cutting the cake and giving each one a piece. If Palace continues as she has begun she has a bright future before her. They have already all the jewels and emblems, with chairs and stands, the gifts of different members.

The officers are: Mrs. Mattie Cheyne, W. M.; Alexander McLachlan, W. P.; Mrs. Lottie Hoffman, Sec.

## MIRIAM NO. 1.

From the baby to grandma. From Palace U. D. to Miriam No. 1. Saturday evening, March 10, 1894 will never be forgotten by Miriam No. 1 and her guests. The Chapter opened at six o'clock p. m., and transacted some important business. The Grand Matron, Nettie C. Kenner, was present. Many letters of regret were read, among them one from THE EASTERN STAR editor, whose absence was regretted by many. The chapter closed at 7:30 and at 8 o'clock the Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration was held.

The following program was rendered:

Weber Quartette  
Address of Welcome —Mrs. C. M. Clark, W. M.  
Introductory Remarks —F. E. DeGroodt, W. P.  
Music —Weber Quartette.  
Address—"Early History of Miriam Chapter,"  
—Dr. S. A. McWilliams, P. W. P.  
Address—"Early History of the Order,"  
—Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, P. M. W. Grand Matron.  
Vocal Solo—"The Violet" "You" —Mrs. C. Hudson.  
Address—"Our Relation to the Masonic Fraternity,"  
—Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron.  
Address—"The Order of the Eastern Star in Illinois,"  
—Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, Grand Matron.  
Reading—Selected —J. F. Burger.  
Address—"The Order of the Eastern Star,"  
—Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Secretary.  
Response —Dr. W. M. Burbank, P. W. Patron.

Piano Solo —Miss Carrie DeCosta.  
Reading—Selected —Miss Jessie G. Patton.  
Vocal Solo—"Will o' the Wisp," —J. F. Burger.  
Anniversary Poem—Written by Bro. P. H. Taylor,  
—Read by Mrs. C. M. Clark.

Just after the introductory remarks Bro. Howison, in an entertaining manner presented Miriam Chapter, through her Worthy Matron, a magnificent gavel, ebony, silver and gold, with five colored star set with diamonds on one side and gold plate on the other bearing the names of the four Lodges, R. A. C. and K. T. Commandery that hold their meetings in the Masonic Home Temple. This was their silver wedding present to "Sister Miriam. Mrs. C. M. Clark, W. M., responded and thanked the brothers for the thoughtful remembrance. The hall was not large enough to accommodate the crowd that came to do honor to the occasion, so the banquet hall was thrown open at nine o'clock, and from then until midnight the waiters were kept busy dispensing ice cream and cake. The room in which the meetings are held is decorated in blue and white. Palms and flowers were in profusion, but the most striking thing in the room was a vase on the East pedestal, filled with Easter lilies, whose fragrance filled the room.

Just after the remarks of Sister Kenner, G. M., there was a little innovation in the program. Sister F. E. DeGroodt stepped to the East, and in fitting words presented the Grand Matron a plush case, which contained a lovely sugar spoon with gold bowl, in the centre of which was engraved our Star, on the reverse, "1869, Miriam Chapter No. 1, 1894." Sister Kenner said just the right thing in response. From the other side of the East I heard my name spoken by Sister Furgison, who presented me the duplicate of Sister Kenner's, encased in a Morocco case. I could not suitably express my thanks. The little souvenir will ever be prized among my treasurers, and I hope the future of Miriam may be as sweet as the sugar my spoon will be dipped into.

After the program on informal reception was held—the Grand Matron and myself having the pleasure of meeting hundreds of our sisters and brothers.

Sister Pitkin and myself were the guests Bro. A. H. Wright, P. G. P. After a quiet Sunday in the pleasant home I took the train for my home, filled with memories that will abide with me forever.

MARY C. SNEDDEN.

God bless the cheerful person—man, woman or child, old or young, illiterate or educated, handsome or homely. Over and above every social trait stands cheerfulness. What the sun is to nature, what God is to the stricken heart that knows how to lean upon Him, are cheerful persons, in their silent mission, brightening up society around them, the happiness beaming from their faces.

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## A LETTER FROM KANSAS GRAND MATRON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Again I will render an account of visits made since last report. I received special invitation from Charity Chapter U. D., Scammon, to visit them Feb. 2, that being their regular meeting, and I was pleased to accept, as I instituted said Chapter the last of October. The Worthy Matron presided with honor to herself and Chapter, the officers did well throughout. Two candidates were initiated, the Associate Matron filling the Organist's station as well as her own through the ceremony, and it was done so easy and quietly. Music adds so much to the work. I am justly proud of the progress this new Chapter has made, having purchased an organ and gone to work with a will that insures them a charter at the coming session of Grand Chapter. After labor came refreshments and a good time generally, the sisters and brothers seemed fond of singing, and I am sure all enjoyed themselves.

Feb. 5 I visited Cherryvale, was met by the Worthy Patron and taken to Sister Webb's the Worthy Matron. On going to the hall I was ushered into a clean and bright parlor, which the sisters had worked hard to get in order before I visited them—they had just moved. I was glad to meet so many familiar faces. Cherryvale sisters and brothers have shown me so many little acts of kindness, by meeting me when enroute to other points, and I have had to wait for trains sometimes for a couple of hours. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron take great pride in their Chapter and deserve praise for the able manner in which they have drilled their officers. The Worthy Patron is also Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and he is truly deserving of the honor. The work was exemplified in a very thorough manner. A fine spread was the last thing on the program. Sister Rammel of Coffeyville was a visitor, and invited me to stop over in Coffeyville on my way to Sedan.

Feb. 7 at 8 p. m. found me at Coffeyville at the home of Sister Wood, P. M., where an informal reception was held in honor of the Grand Matron. The evening was spent in social conversation, and very many different topics brought up in regard to what was for the good of the Order, and it was almost midnight before we knew how late it was—the brothers talked as quick and fast as did the sisters. I thank them all for the pleasant evening. I returned to Sister Rammel's and remained until train time.

I arrived at Sedan and was the guest of Sister and Brother Pyle. The Chapter here being a U. D. Chapter I was pleased to meet it, as new Chapters are always anxious to learn. We held a school of instruction and all were deeply interested. I must here speak of Electa because she was the oldest one in the Chapter room, being sixty-three years past, her part was committed and she rendered it in so perfect a manner as to call forth commendation. I feel certain this

Chapter will also receive a charter. I found only one defect, and that, the taking up of a pass, like Banquo's Ghost, it appeared before me, it seems to be my lot to have this evil to battle with and right bravely do I meet the enemy, and he was mine, never more to be used.

Feb. 8 found me at Dexter where I was met by several sisters and a brother, and was taken direct to the hall, it being about 4 p. m., where a bounteous repast was awaiting me. The table was laden with everything that a lover of good things could wish for. After all had feasted the table was removed. Sister Williamson, P. M., informed me that the new officers had not been installed, owing to most of the members living in the country, and only holding one meeting a month, it had been impossible to get them together. I had the pleasure of acting as installing officer. It was a public installation, and there were at least a dozen babies from one to two years old in the room, my readers will wonder how I succeeded. Very well, indeed, as I am a lover of children, their presence has a very soothing effect upon me. This is the Chapter where a cradle is kept. I think it a very cute idea, many a mother would have to stay at home if she could not bring the baby, and who would object to it! After installation the new officers opened in due form and again I was confronted with that "take up pass." I was told that a Kansas Grand Officer had so instructed them, I was indeed sorry to hear this and asked them to dispense with it for the future which they promised to do. A candidate was initiated and another link was added. It was nearly twelve o'clock and a ride of over twelve miles was before me, but it was the only way in which I could get to Douglas. A little after 1 a. m. I arrived in Burden and imposed on the good natures of Dr. Mansur and his sister, who kindly forgave me for awakening them so early in the morning. I am under great obligations to them for their kind hospitality.

I arrived in Winfield and had to wait over an hour for a train to Douglas, but spent it pleasantly with Sister Fulton, W. M. of Queen City Chapter, and was pleased to learn that their Chapter was in a flourishing condition, and that they were about to purchase robes. My time and pocketbook were limited or I would have taken a conveyance and gone out to the Institute and visited our ward, Erma Avery, but I learned through Sister Fulton that she was well and doing well, as she sees her quite often and can hear from her every day. When within six miles of Douglas Sister Hornaday joined me. Sister Brown, W. M., was at the depot to meet us and escort us to her cozy home where a good dinner was ready, I am afraid my readers will think I am like the brothers, always on hand when there is something to eat. The afternoon was spent in social conversation, several called, and it was Chapter time before we knew it. The work was well rendered. It

was the first work of the new officers. The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron were well up in the work, and the other officers did well. The meeting was a very enjoyable one, and I shall not forget the kindness of Sister Brown, whose every effort was to look out for my comfort. She is a great worker and her members appreciate her and love her. A banquet, of course, was served, and a fine one at that, to which the brothers did justice. I was loth to part when the time for the train arrived.

Eldorado was my next point to reach. I was met by Sister and Brother Meeks and taken to their home, and had hardly been seated when a bevy of sisters came in, among whom were Sisters Armstrong, Henderson and Allen. Having met the above sisters before I felt that I was not a stranger. Many will remember meeting Sister Armstrong at Salina and Pittsburg. She has been very sick, in fact her life was despaired of, but I am happy to say she is improving rapidly. She was only able to call on me as it was too great a task to attend the meeting. There were several sisters from Towanda, the Worthy Matron wishing to make arrangements for me to visit their Chapter, which was done. I found Andrina Chapter, Eldorado, a very prosperous and good working Chapter, with a nice wide hall and everything to correspond. There were several visitors present, among them Sister Kyser, formerly of Parsons. Andrina Chapter is fortunate in having a very efficient corps of officers, from Worthy Matron to Sentinel. I found no innovations, the ritualistic work rendered pure and true, each officer taking pride in her work. Here, as elsewhere, a delicious banquet was served. Peace and harmony hold high carnival in this Chapter. My expectations were to leave next morning for Hutchinson, but a severe snow storm set in and I was delayed until 3 p. m. Feb. 13. I felt badly to disappoint my Hutchinson friends, for I knew preparations were made for Feb. 12, and that Sister Trouslot, A. G. M., awaited me there. Kansas is great in many things, but she is almost helpless when it comes to fight the "beautiful snow." Only a distance of eighty miles from Eldorado to Hutchinson, and it took two nights and nearly two days to clear the tracks. Feb. 13 at 8 p. m. found me at Hutchinson, the guest of Sister Bennett, D. D. G. M., and I met with a hearty welcome, as they had about come to the conclusion I was snow bound in the Flint Hills. Had it not been for my kind Eldorado friends having better judgement than I, such would have been the case. To Sister and Brother Meeks is due my heartfelt thanks for their wise judgment. A very pleasant evening was spent at Sister Bennett's. Those present were Sisters Trouslot, Vaughn, Depry and Brother Depry, W. P., and it was a jolly crowd and we rather enjoyed a joke on Bro. Bennett guessing ages. Next morning the committee on arrangements met in Dr. Comstock's office, and talked over the coming



session of Grand Chapter, and final arrangements were made. Sisters Trouslot, Vaughn and myself were the guests of Sister Bennett during our stay in the city. Wednesday evening Sister Depry, wife of the Worthy Patron, entertained us at tea, after which we went to the Chapter-room—a special meeting being called so that I might meet with them. I shall not speak of this work, nor give any idea of what they can do, as they are to exemplify the work for Grand Chapter May 9. There is one thing I can assure all that attend that they will receive a cordial welcome, as Acacia Chapter knows how to entertain, and will leave nothing undone to make the visiting sisters and brothers feel at home.

Feb. 14 found Sister Trouslot and myself on the train, she for Newton and I for Halstead. Brother Hemment met me at the train. An afternoon session was held. There were not as many out as I would like to have seen, but as I was one day behind in my appointment and so many living in the country it could not be different. Clover Leaf Chapter is well up in the work, the Worthy Patron lived in the country so Bro. Reisen, Sec. and Past Patron, presided with dignity. I found him extra bright in the work, which would not surprise any one if they could examine the Secretary's books—they were models of neatness. It is very necessary to have a competent Secretary, and I would that more Chapters would see that competent persons are elected to this office, it is not merely the writing of the transactions of the meeting, but they must have good business tact as well, see that members keep up their dues and that all communications are brought up to Chapter-room and not left carelessly at home, as is often the case. Bro. Reisen is one of the best secretaries in the State and a good worker in the Order.

Left Halstead at 4 p. m. for Wichita but had to wait at Burrton about four hours. Knowing of Bro. Welch, Sec. of Burrton Chapter, I found my way to his house, where he and his good wife gave me a cordial welcome and desired me to remain over night, but as I was desirous of visiting Sister Hall, I could not. We called on Sister Strob, A. M.,—the Worthy Matron lived in the country—and I remained with her until train time. I arrived in Wichita at 10 p. m., found Miss Nina Hall awaiting me and in a few moments I was with Sister Hall. Many of my readers will be pained to learn that the sister is obliged to use crutches, she having met with a severe accident last May while on her way to attend Grand Chapter at Topeka. The cars were switching and she was standing in the aisle when one car came against the other with such force it threw her to the floor with such violence and hurt her spine. She bears up bravely and has a cheerful way which seems to say, I am going to make the best of it and not worry and fret. I had a very pleasant visit and at 1 p. m. was ready to resume my journey, but again the "beau-

tiful snow" became master of the situation and I was obliged to resign myself to the "fates that be" and wait until the tracks could be cleared. The agent at the depot saying they might be ready to leave that night and perhaps not until the next. Miss Hall and I came down again in the evening and waited until 9 p. m., and as there was no train we again returned to her home, and concluded to wait as we could not do otherwise. Sister Whitlock, W. M. of Ivy Leaf Chapter, would have been pleased to have had a special meeting but I was not certain if I would be with them she invited us; Sister Hall and family, to take dinner the next day, which we did, and spent a very pleasant time.

A 1 p. m. Saturday I was able to get a train and I arrived at Towanda where I had expected to visit on Friday, found they had called a special for an afternoon session and had stretched it until ten o'clock in the evening in hopes a train would come. They were disappointed as well as myself, and I hope to meet them some other time and make up for disappointing them.

I went on to Eureka, that being my last Chapter to visit, and was glad to see the smiling countenance of Sister Kenner as the train pulled in. She was one of my first acquaintances made at Grand Chapter in Hutchinson six years ago. She is Past Matron of Queen Bess Chapter, and Associate Grand Conductress this year. I was her guest until Chapter time. Queen Bess Chapter is rightly named for she is queenly in all her work. Four candidates were initiated, and I did so wish that those who are opposed to taking more than two candidates through could have seen this work I think they would change their views. One woman and three men were taken through, the hall is quite pretty and about the usual width. They have a fine piano, and everything was in perfect order—each one seemed to know their position. So systematically was everything done, I was spell bound through the whole ceremony; every movement was in keeping with the music, therein lies the beauty of the work. It is needless for me to speak of the efficiency of the officers, when I say that the Conductress and Asso. Conductress were only pro tem the regular ones being sick. I was somewhat puzzled at the points Adah and Electa, it was impossible to tell or say which was the "other." They were dressed alike, no robes were worn, and I was watching them so intently as to attract the attention of the Matron, who whispered to me "they are twins." The mystery was solved and I shall always remember this pretty picture for they were young girls. A banquet was last in order and kind fraternal goodnights were said. I was the guest of Sister Kelly, W. M. until 10 a. m. next morning, when Sister Kenner sent for me and on my way I stopped to see the Conductress who was quite sick. I left Eureka for home, but found that I could

only get as far as Ft. Scott that night. I concluded to surprise Sister Pearsall, Grand Treasurer, as I have been in the habit of doing. All who know our good sister know she is equal to any emergency. I received a cordial welcome and we spent a very pleasant evening, and the next day she very kindly invited several to dinner to meet me. I had the pleasure of meeting Sister Carson, W. M. of Olive Chapter, and feel sorry that I had not been able to have met her in Chapter-room, but when I have received invitations to visit Olive Chapter I have been unable to accept owing to previous engagements. I am looking forward to the time not far distant when we can have a social time. I have invited the Grand Secretary, Sister Mottram, to be with me on the 19th inst. and if she accepts we have an invitation to Ft. Scott. I am sure it will be something to look forward to, as our Senior Grand Matron, Sister Hepler, is there. Sister Mottram is a Past Grand Matron, and has been Grand Secretary for, I think five years. Sister Pearsall, Grand Treasurer, seven years. It seems as though our Order is following after the Masonic Order in retaining their Secretary and Treasurer, realizing that practice makes perfect.

Many may desire to know what has become of our Kansas picture that was in O. E. S. Corner at World's Fair. I have just received a letter from Bro. Clark, Grand Master, who is in the State House, informs me as follows in regard to it, "Picture belonging to Grand Chapter is in a conspicuous place in the office of the State Historical Society in the Capitol Building, Topeka, where it remains subject to the Order of the Grand Chapter."

One more visiting tour to Chapters, as my duties are increasing as time for Grand Chapter draws nigh. One more report and my mission is ended.

ELIZABETH MAGIE.

"Door-bells are pretty fair indicators or character," said a doctor's wife the other day. "Probably you have not been conscious of it, but every time you pull a door-bell you register what manner of person you are. Your ring will not tell everything about you, from the color of your eyes to your taste in flowers, but to those who know the signs the door-bell is as good as a title-page. Any one who has had occasion to answer bell-pulls knows how much difference there is in them. One person's method and some one else's, while slight, will be sufficiently well marked. It is seldom that two rings are exactly alike. The housewife recognizes each—the impatient man, who pulls the bell twice in quick succession, and does not wait long before trying it again; the one of more phlegmatic temperament, whose ring is slower and more substantial; the hesitating woman, who draws the knob out in a succession of nervous jerks, and the jolly friend, who knows he is welcome, and therefore grasps the knob with a hearty swing."

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The Grand Chapter of Indiana will meet in this city April 25, at Masonic Temple.

If you desire Chapter supplies of any kind you will find them at the office of THE EASTERN STAR. Call or write.

Sister Caddie Landis, Secretary of Golden Lily Chapter, Kansas, has moved to Denver, Colorado. The regret at the separation was mutual between the sister and her co-workers.

The members and visitors of the Grand Chapter will bear in mind that the office of THE EASTERN STAR is located only two blocks from the Masonic Temple, and that all are cordially invited to call.

The Department Convention of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps will be held in Trinity Church, Lafayette, April 4th and 5th, and promises to be well attended. The Convention will be generously sprinkled with "Stars," as many hold membership in both organizations.

Several items were crowded out of this issue of THE EASTERN STAR, but they are held in reserve for the next. And we wish the sisters would bear in mind that copy should be sent as early as possible. Few realize the work required after the message reaches here. The preparation is not the work of a few minutes.

Three Chapters were chartered by the Gen-

eral Grand Chapter during March—Naomi Chapter to be located at Shenden, Wyoming, with twenty-eight charter members; Queen Esther Chapter, located at Mandan, North Dakota, with twenty-nine charter members and Ceres Chapter, Tower City, North Dakota, with twenty-four charter members.

We thank those who have so generously remembered THE EASTERN STAR with news during the past month, and trust they will not feel disappointed if it does not appear this time. It is only postponed for want of space. Your kindness is appreciated and we trust you will continue to remember the paper, and we in turn will serve you as promptly and as efficiently as ability and possibility will allow.

Sister Wright will please accept thanks for the beautiful badge—a souvenir of Miriam Chapter's Silver Anniversary, also for the invitation to be present upon that festive occasion, and be one of the number to enjoy the hospitality of her home. Sickness in the home alone prevented the attendance. May Miriam see many more anniversaries, and may each be counted to excel the former in the record of harmony and good works.

Let every member of Queen Esther Chapter take an interest in the Concert that will be given by The Ames Union Band, April 5, under the auspices of the Chapter. It is under the management of Bro. C. D. Hess, whose name insures its excellence. Sister Hess is Worthy Matron of Westville Chapter. The program will be enriched by a song by Mrs. Zelda Seguin Wallace, of our city, who though one of our own is none the less valued by her townspeople.

It was the privilege of the representative of THE EASTERN STAR to attend a meeting of the Chapter recently organized at Greensburg, Ind. Although only the second meeting, the work was well rendered, the Worthy Patron setting an excellent example by giving his part without the ritual—one or two of the other officers did likewise, and as the Chapter is efficiently officered it will soon challenge some of its elder sisters to test the quality of work it has to offer.

A very unique Easter gift reached the editor of THE EASTERN STAR—five eggs, made of beads of the appropriate Chapter colors—the work of the children of the "Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind," at Pittsburgh, also a beautiful crocheted shoulder shawl. They were the gift of Sister Theresa A. Jacobs, whose name is familiar to the readers of this paper for her gifts of song and story. Sister Jacobs' husband is Superintendent of the Institution at Pittsburgh, and in his work for the enlightenment and betterment of these children he is ably seconded by his efficient and capable helpmeet.

Among the coming attractions for this month is a grand concert, to be given at Plymouth Church on Thursday evening, April 5, by the Ames Union Band, under the auspices of Queen Esther Chapter O. E. S. This band comprises thirty-five members and will be assisted in their concert by Mrs. Zelda Seguin Wallace, of this city. Miss Cora Nafe, soprano; Miss Mattie Walton Hess, mezzo-soprano, and Mrs. P. A. Major, pianist, each one an artist in her line, will also appear in solo numbers. Among the set of instruments possessed by this band is the great Conn Tuba, which won first prize at the World's Fair, and is attracting much attention as the largest band instrument ever made.

The words "Hard Times" has a sort of familiar sound to most people. THE EASTERN STAR has not given utterance to its experiences in this line, but it begs to say that it is not because it is without experience. Indeed it has of this "enough and to spare" and will gladly share with others. The retrenchment in the family usually begins with the women, and that which appeals more especially to that sex is first dispensed with. There are comparatively few who could not afford the investment of \$1.00 per year, and the interest should not be confined to ones own Chapter but should extend beyond so narrow a limit. The "Hard Times" has not lessened the expense but has brought to the one who stands at the helm added burdens, hard work and no leisure moments. We offer this statement believing in the justice and fidelity of this sisterhood, and that when they realize that their indifference or neglect is adding to an already heavy burden, it will be removed, and instead, will be found promptness, interest and an "unselfish loyalty to the welfare of others." Then will the messages that call for response be returned with the essential that makes success possible.

## CHAPTER COURTESY.

It is said that life is made up of little things, and one needs not to have reached many years until the truth of the statement is realized. Especially so is this true of our Chapter life. In this busy life of ours far too little time is given by many to the small things of life. The little every day courtesies and kindness that are always at hand and require no preparation save the willing spirit.

In the Chapter-room it should be our pleasure and it is our duty to see that every member is made to feel at home. If there be strangers among us see that they are given a welcome, and that each member feels the responsibility of extending to them the right hand of fellowship, not leaving it to the few, as is often the case, if it be done at all. Then to those of our own members who are among the less fortunate, and to whom a word of cheer or the hand clasp will give assurance that they are not alone in their trials, but that the words "sympathize in their sorrows,



comfort in their afflictions and aid in their misfortunes" are not empty sounds.

There is often complaint, and with justice, of a great lack in this direction, and it needs but a suggestion to lead in the right way, for the desire in every Chapter is that its mission be fulfilled as nearly as possible and no Chapter is worthy of life that lives for itself alone.

#### LETTER FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

February 20, by special invitation I visited Waveland Chapter. They have a flourishing Chapter of earnest workers, and exemplified the work in a praiseworthy manner—the hall was filled with members, refreshments were served and the time sped only too fast in social, literary exercises and music. I was the guest of Sister Emma Robertson. Sister Moffett, Grand Treasurer, was present.

February 21, upon invitation given by the brothers of Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, I attended the celebration of their Fourth Anniversary. It was in charge of the brothers exclusively, they were about three weeks arranging for this entertainment, the sisters not getting an "inkling" as to the nature of it, it was a genuine surprise to them. The invitations were printed on brown paper with notched edges. The program consisted of music by Mrs. Winslows' band; conferring degrees, "sham Eastern Star ceremony"; vocal solos and instrumental music; song, "The Ladies of the Eastern Star." The brothers wore robes of appropriate colors and masked so closely that the wives knew not their husbands. An elaborate banquet was served, gotten up by the brothers. About two hundred were present, and a good time socially enjoyed by all. May this chapter celebrate many more anniversaries.

February 22, by special invitation I visited Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville. Having been given a sample of the brothers' work the evening before, I had anticipated seeing the sister's "work" go far ahead of the brothers', and my anticipations were more than realized. This Chapter is but four years old, and very enthusiastic. The meeting was largely attended, especially by the brothers. The work was given in an excellent manner. The members are all socially inclined. While in the city I was the guest of Sisters Jennette Wright, Worthy Matron, and Eliza J. Moffett, Grand Treasurer.

February 27, by special invitation I visited Forest Chapter, Butler. This being the home of Past Grand Matron and Patron, Bro. and Sister Fanning, I expected good work, and my expectations were fully realized. They have a nice large room handsomely furnished with star chairs of plush in the appropriate colors, with hand-painted and embroidered banners at the points. The officers wore beautiful robes, and the floral work was rendered in a most impressive manner, and the ever and always beautiful "Ruth and Naomi" was given. A bountiful banquet completed the evening's enjoyment to which a number

of friends were invited. I was the guest of Bro. and Sister Fanning.

February 28, by special invitation I visited Waterloo Chapter U. D. It was my pleasure to meet an earnest band of workers, and desiring to do the work as perfect as possible, which was done, and I am very glad to say that needed no criticism, and without the aid of the ritual. They have a nice, cozy Chapter-room. Sisters Fanning and Moody from Forest Chapter, and Sister Birch from Edgerton, Ohio, accompanied me. Sister Lease, W. M., and Bro. and Sister Butler entertained me.

March 7, by special invitation extended me, I visited Minerva Chapter, Greencastle. This being one of the oldest Chapters in the State and its growth for the past few years has not been very rapid. A goodly number of members were present. The work was given without the aid of the ritual, and much enthusiasm shown by the members. The Worthy Patron, Bro. E. C. Beal, young in years and in the work, mastered the work well—he is studying for the ministry. Sister Hickson, the Worthy Matron, and myself called upon those that were detained at home by sickness. So far as I could ascertain all seemed socially inclined. I was the guest of Sister L. A. Hickson.

March 9, by special invitation, I visited Middleton Chapter. This Chapter being young in years are doing good work, and without the aid of the ritual, their membership being 90, and largely composed of brothers. They have a nice Chapter-room, made so with beautiful flowers every where. The altar was festooned with the appropriate colors of ribbon. I had the pleasure of seeing the "Vocal Star" rendered for the first time and must say that it was beautiful, and it was given for the first time by this Chapter, after which the O. E. S. Orchestra, composed of four sisters and two brothers—two of the young ladies playing Mandolins, two Guitars, the brothers a Violin and Flute. The music was very appropriate and sweet. I was the guest of Bro. and Sister Hess. Bro. Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron, was present.

March 14, by special invitation I visited Orient Chapter, Laporte. Sisters Parker, Nye and Zeener met me at the depot, and Sister Parker entertained me while in the city. They have a pretty Chapter-room and are a wide-awake body of earnest workers. Two petitions were balloted upon and two received the degrees—the work being done without the ritual. Past Grand Patron, E. J. Church, and Associate Grand Conductress, Sister Jennie T. Nye, were present. Flowers were every where. As it was my pleasure to be present at the organization of this Chapter, I have noted its growth and rejoice to see the enthusiasm shown by the members. We missed the ever pleasant smiling face of good Bro. Dorland. A bountiful banquet was spread to which all did ample justice, five large lamps adorned the five tables with

shades of our emblematic colors. About seventy-five were present and a goodly number of these were brothers. I was presented with a basket of beautiful flowers.

HELEN MACOMBER,  
Grand Matron.

#### GRAND CHAPTER OF WISCONSIN, 1894.

[Masonic Tidings.]

The Fourth Annual Meeting was held Feb. 21-22, in Egyptian Hall, Milwaukee. Fifty-two of the fifty-seven Chapters were represented, and one of the most successful sessions of the Grand Chapters since its organization was enjoyed. The Grand officers held a reception at the Plankinton House on Tuesday evening, and many of the sisters and brothers paid their respects to the Matrons and Patrons, Grand and Associate. At the opening session the members and delegates were welcomed by Brother B. F. Parker, W. P. Milwaukee Chapter, and response was made by Sister Emma Friend. Sisters Lorraine J. Pitkin and Mary H. Martin, officers of the General Grand Chapter, were introduced and received with Grand Honors.

Wednesday evening the degrees were conferred by the officers of Racine Chapter No. 45, in such a manner as to receive universal commendation.

Sister Herrick proved an admirable presiding officer, and the business of the session was dispatched in a systematic and business-like manner. Harmony and good feeling prevailed, and much satisfaction was manifested at the general prosperity of the Order in Wisconsin.

The next meeting will be held the third Wednesday in February next in Milwaukee. Ten new Chapters were chartered, making fifty-seven, with a membership of 3,100.

The officers for the ensuing year are:  
Mrs. Emma Friend, Grand Matron, Antigo.  
W. W. Perry, Grand Patron, Eagle.  
Mrs. Martha D. Ross, Associate Grand Matron, Columbus.

Jonathan H. Evans, Associate Grand Patron Platteville.

Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, Grand Secretary, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Lucille W. Parker, Grand Treasurer, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Nellie Towner, Grand Conductress, Viroqua.

Mrs. Catherine Brewer, Associate Grand Conductress, Baraboo.

Mrs. Lovina Lawrence, Grand Chaplain, Sturgeon Bay.

Mrs. Anna Goodchap, Grand Adah, Sparta.

Mrs. Louisa Finney, Grand Ruth, Oshkosh.

Mrs. Carrie Sleeper, Grand Esther, Watertown.

Mrs. Ida M. Smith, Grand Martha, Elroy.

Mrs. Adel Clefton, Grand Electa, Mukwago.

Mrs. Augusta Trayser, Grand Warder, New London.

Mrs. Sarah C. Stickney, Grand Marshall, Mazomanie.

Bro. A. G. Faville, Grand Organist, Milwaukee.

Bro. Leonard Barrett, Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. Adency Irons, Trustee for three years.

Geo. L. Thomas, Trustee for one year, Milwaukee.

## GLEANINGS.

## COLORADO.

Colorado Chapter, Leadville, is holding interesting and profitable meetings of late. The new officers are becoming thoroughly conversant with their work and all seem to be doing the very best to promote the welfare of the chapter. We will initiate two at our next meeting. M. P.

## CONNECTICUT.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD: Again I write you of Magnolia Chapter, West Winsted. We turn from '93 with all its joys and sorrows to journey on with 1894, with all our sails set, we are ready to unfurl every banner. Those who fill the chairs should receive our hearty support whether or not they are the ones of our choice. The Eastern Star has one advantage over our brothers' Order, and that is, we meet together as families, no wife at home to wait for her husband's return, she is there to share with him the social part and the good feeling. Of course, dear sisters, our brothers do not feel just at home where woman takes the lead. Did you ever see a man feel just right when he sat back and let woman hold the reins, but dear me, we sisters are coming to the front. Like Ruth, our beautiful heroine, we shall endeavor in 1894 to go to the rich fields and be able to return with our arms full of golden grain which we hope our helpful brothers will drop for us to gather.

M. A. P.

## CALIFORNIA.

Sister Hiller, of Alton, writes us that their chapter is mourning the loss of a faithful sister, Florence Felt, who left her earthly home Jan. 23, while yet in the morning of life, and it would seem with work unfinished, but He knoweth best. With the sorrowing mother, sisters and brothers we drop the sympathetic tear and bid them look beyond the cloud that overshadows them, and remember that she but waits their coming on that other shore where parting is unknown.

Columbus Chapter, Sacramento, was organized in August 1893, with a chapter membership of 105, and Dec. 11 it held public installation with Sister Emma Hapgood, G. M., as installing officer. The room was beautifully decorated, the station of W. M. being a perfect bower and back of it were three beautiful five-pointed stars. The G. M. conducted the ceremonies in a most impressive manner, her imposing presence lending aid to the beauty of her rendition. The retiring W. M. Sister Mary G. Dunn, made an eloquent address after which the retiring W. P., Dr. Wiard, in behalf of Sister Dunn, presented the Chapter a seal. Then, as a token of affection, Sister Maggie Little, in behalf of the chapter presented Sister Dunn a beautiful P. M.'s jewel—the five-pointed star with a diamond in each point, and Bro. J. A. Stephenson, for Sisters Forbes, Martin, Little and

Woods, presented the chapter with a banner bearing on one side the name of the chapter and on the other the letters O. E. S. After appropriate and instructive remarks by the G. M., they were marshalled into the banquet room and it was a "scene from Fairy Land." The officers are: Helen S. Davis, W. M.; Wm. A. Stephenson, W. P.; Lillie A. Forbes, A. M.; Mrs. Belle Stephenson, Sec.

## IOWA.

Clinton Chapter held its regular meeting Jan. 18, six candidates were elected. The officers were installed by Mrs. Mollie B. Rathbun, W. M., with Bro. W. F. Ferguson as Mar., who received high commendation for their work. During the ceremony of installing the star officers, they, and the chapter, were surprised by Sister Ida Pierson following the Mar. and pinning a beautiful bouquet of appropriate colors on each star officer. The chapter was then called up, and while they were being conducted to their stations the choir was to sing two verses of "Jewels," but each member seemed to catch the inspiration of song; joined in and made the hall ring with music, there being 80 odd present. Sister May Dickinson is W. M., and Sister F. E. Bachelder, Sec. On descending the dais the retiring W. M. gave an interesting address, following which, Brother George, in a few appropriate words, in behalf of the chapter, presented the retiring Matron with a beautiful antique oak rocker, made, it was said, at Brother and Sister Clements factory especially for the occasion, the recipient responded in instructive and appreciative words of thanks and gratitude for the kind remembrance. The chapter then closed in form, and under the direction of the Mar., all repaired to the dining hall and did duty to a well prepared banquet. Sister Pierpont, W. M. of Lyons Chapter, with her principal officers were among our visiting guests. Thus closed one of the most pleasant gatherings which Clinton Chapter O. E. S. has had since her organization. Cor.

## INDIANA.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its first March meeting at Sister Barnes assisted by Georgie Burns and the second at Sister Hayes assisted by Sister Moulton. Both meetings were well attended. Sister Stockwell was the fortunate one to draw the quilt.

At the last stated meeting of South Bend Chapter. There was a large attendance and the officers and members seemed interested and earnest in the work. The degrees were conferred upon one candidate. Refreshments were served after the close of the session. There are six petitions pending.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD: Feb. 27 Terre Haute Chapter opened with a full attendance, and our new officers do their work excellently. There is much interest manifested by all the members. After the close of Chapter a most enjoyable entertainment was given, consisting of choice selections and music upon vari-

ous instruments of Mrs. Lepper, Mrs. Klow and daughter and Bro. T. C. Naylor and family; recitations by the Gregg sisters, and an exhibition by pupils of the public schools under the direction of Prof. Carl Lepper, director of physical culture. The exhibition consisted of dumb bell exercises, and with Indian clubs and the "tug of war," participated in by sixteen lusty little fellows, all the same size and dressed in costumes gray and scarlet, who created a great deal of amusement for the spectators. The chapter is indebted to Bro. Naylor for the musical part of the entertainment, to Sister Ida M. Engle for the recitations and to Sister Helen E. Tyler for the exhibition in physical culture. Areme Club met with Sister C. H. Goodwin, president, March 7, and a large number was present. After the business was transacted the remainder of the afternoon was spent in sociability, and also as to devising various plans for the future. Refreshments were served. Sister Goodwin is a charming hostess and knows how to entertain well. A.

## ILLINOIS.

Henrietta Chapter, Turner, is enjoying a most prosperous time under the new corps of officers, and surprises have been the order of this year's meetings. More interest has been manifested than for some time, and the purse strings of individuals in the Order have been loosened in so far that handsome presents have been made averaging one a month. In Jan. Mr. Daniels, husband of Mrs. Frances Daniels, A. M., presented the chapter mortar board caps for Con. and A. Con., which are much admired and greatly appreciated. In Feb. Mrs. Georgie G. Hamilton made and presented to C. E. Smiley, W. P., a handsomely embroidered apron, which met the approbation of the chapter. It was her individual offering but she very gracefully asked the sisters and brothers to join with her, when they had not even dreamed of aprons, in the presentation. It was five-sided, each side describing one edge of a triangle in the five colors. The material was Henrietta Cloth, each section embroidered in silk with the emblematic flowers upon its color; lined with silk; bordered with gold braid; a members button in the centre and tied with red ribbon. At our March 1 meeting the chapter was again surprised upon entering the chapter-room to find each of the point stands decorated with elegant new emblems, the gift of the W. P. The one for Ruth was a sheaf of barley; an elegant crown set with jewels, and scepter tipped with gold and crown puffed with velvet, supplied Esther; Martha's consisted of a green Wedgewood broken column, and Electa gloried in a very fine silver cup with triangle base. The point of Adah had been previously supplied, so that now we are very nicely equipped in this line. If this spirit continues we may expect almost anything, for each present has increased in value in large proportion. Let the good work go on and we will remain open



to congratulations from our sister stars, and hope that individuals in other chapters may take a gentle hint and go and do likewise. In conclusion let me say that the chapter is growing and we now have five ready for initiation.

W.

Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, met in regular session March 3, in Masonic Temple, with Mrs. Agnes M. Brown, W. M., presiding. The sister has been much admired by her work as "Esther," but she certainly has more than reached the standard for promptness and dispatch with all the other qualities her friends have held for her as leader. Nine petitions were read, six elected and several postponed on account of time. Nineteen were initiated. Every chapter in Chicago and vicinity had been invited, most of them responding, to come and greet Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, G. M., who was expected. Much to the regret of all present, sickness prevented, and she sent kind greetings, expressing a hope that she might be spared to meet them later. Over 300 members of the Order was present. All the Grand Officers and visiting Matrons and Patrons were seated in the East. The ritual work was exemplified followed by the Floral Work. The officers merit much praise for the excellent manner in which they rendered both ceremonies. Quite a delegation came over from Queen Esther Chapter of Indianapolis: Edward W. Barrows, W. P., a very young and enthusiastic worker, and Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. M. W. G. M. and Sec., were seated in the East and presented with a bouquet of flowers, which met a happy response. Again, Mar. 17, Queen Esther met at the same place—8 petitions were received, 9 elected and two initiated. Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, G. M., was conducted to the East with proper ceremony by her A. G. M., Mrs. Mate L. Chester, who holds membership here. Mrs. Chester, Hattie E. Gross, G. Chap., H. H. Wright, P. G. P., Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. M. W. G. M. and Wm. H. Burbank, P. P. of Miriam Chapter, were all seated in the East. Miss Jennie McClellan presented the G. M. with a lovely white fan; Ella Huber, Mrs. Chester with a souvenir spoon, and Mrs. Sheffield Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin a bunch of delicate pink roses. The sisters all responding with kind words of thanks and appreciation. Banquet followed.

P.

With more than usual pleasure I report the formation of a glorious chapter at Pullman, after efforts in that direction while I was deputy of that district. My husband also visited Palace Lodge, was accorded the courtesy of the floor, he presented the claims of the Order to the support of the Masonic Fraternity, and got a number of signatures to a petition for a dispensation, but circumstances prevented its formation. Recently Brother Cheyne, P. P. of Chicago Chapter renewed effort and I was invited to attend a meeting of the signers, at which a large number of the petitioners decided upon the name—Palace—and chose their officers. Sister

Cheyne, formerly of Chicago, was unanimously chosen W. M.; Bro. McLachlan, P. M. of Kensington Lodge, was their W. P., and the remaining offices were filled. At Brother Cheyne's request, I took charge of the exemplification of the ritual work, he having been very properly appointed by Bro. Zepp, G. P., as his deputy. In accordance with my custom while Deputy I determined to call to my assistance the Matrons of the Chapters of this city to give to the new chapter a welcome from all her sisters and to avoid the appearance of any favoritism by selecting any single chapter. The chapter was duly instituted by Bro. Cheyne, who was honored by the assistance of Sister Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., as G. Mar., Sister Allen acting as G. Chap. Sixty members stood around the altar and assumed the obligation. The chapter was opened in ample form and my first privilege was to welcome to the new chapter Sister Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., the honored guest of the evening, who was escorted to the East and received with Grand Honors, a most auspicious beginning for the new chapter. I had hoped to have the pleasure of Sister Nettie C. Kenner, G. M., whom I had invited, but a previous engagement prevented her acceptance. I also regreted the absence of Bro. A. H. Wright, P. G. P., whom I had invited, but he, too, was unable to attend, owing to a prior engagement. Sister Brink, P. M. of Ravenswood Chapter, was also unable to attend, as was Sister Clark, W. M. of Miriam No. 1. As we were unable to enjoy the presence of Sister Kenner, we availed ourselves of the presence of her husband, and had him escorted to the East as her representative. It was a pleasant opportunity at this juncture to present the invitation to the baby chapter to attend the 25th anniversary of Miriam Chapter, on the following evening, which had been sent to the new chapter in my care. Work being in order, four young ladies were announced, all of whom were dressed in white, and seldom or never have the solemn ceremonies of our Order been so well rendered and so attentively observed, as they were on this occasion, with so devoted a corps of officers. After the initiation was completed it was again a delightful duty to present Sister Snedden with a beautiful basket of roses—in accepting them she said she had never seen so many take the obligation before, and complimented all upon the excellence of the work, and the brilliant success Palace Chapter was sure to attain. I also had the pleasure of presenting Sister Cheyne and Bro. McLachlan each with an elegant basket of flowers, and Bro. McLachlan retaliated by bestowing one upon me. Sister Cheyne then closed the chapter in full form, and in an excellent manner, and all adjourned to the banquet-room where a most elaborate repast was provided. Sister Snedden and myself were accorded the seats of honor and requested to cut the two elaborately decorated cakes, bearing the O. E. S. star, and each of the guests was presented

with a huge slice to take home as a souvenir of the happy occasion. The hour for departure arrived all too soon, and we were compelled to take the train for the city after one of the most enjoyable occasions I had ever participated in.

I am glad to say that McHenry Chapter is now in a flourishing condition and hopes to proceed to grow big. LIZZIE U. WINSHIP.

#### KANSAS.

Lincoln Chapter is moving along slowly, considering the hard times. While it is not adding many to its membership, it has lively interesting meetings.

Veritas Chapter, Westmoreland, is putting on new life. On evenings when there is no work a program is rendered. The work is given without the use of rituals and the Floral Work is also an additional attraction. Jephthah and his daughter was given by the chapter, and the sum of \$98.10 cleared for the chapter's treasury.

Eva Chapter, Independence held an interesting meeting Feb. 20. Regardless of the cold the attendance was good and the officers in their places. One petition was received and one initiated, after which an elaborate banquet was served. Thus far not a ripple of discord disturbs our harmony and we are steadily adding to our number.

March 14 Queen Bess Chapter Eureka, celebrated its seventh anniversary by serving a banquet to about 150—five tables were used, each table being set and decorated in a color corresponding to the Star point it was designed to represent, and each table was presided over by Star point young ladies, Mintie Howard, Ella Stoddard, Aimee Wakefield, Katie Crebo and Minnie Howard. Each of these young ladies was handsomely costumed in the color appropriate to the point represented. No banquet hall ever looked so beautiful, it drew from all words of warmest praise. The banquet was followed by a musical and literary program, of which a history of Queen Bess by Sister Kelley, W. M., and a paper "The Eastern Star," by Sister Kenner, was listened to with much interest. Queen Bess is having a boom this year, we have initiated 11 candidates thus far, and more are ready. E. A. K.

#### MAINE.

Rose of Sharon Chapter, Augusta, held its first annual meeting Dec. 11 and elected officers. The installation occurred Jan. 7—members were present from Queen Esther Chapter, Hallowell. A banquet was served and an hour of social enjoyment.

Martha Washington Chapter was organized in Waterville Feb. 26. Therefore, you see the good work is going on in Maine. We have some such brother Masons as you mention in THE EASTERN STAR, who, like G. C. Connor, P. G. Master of Tennessee, continue their quiet "tirade" against the Order of the Eastern Star. But we believe that by the

practice of Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness the Order will continue to increase.

#### MICHIGAN.

On the evening of Feb. 22 A. S. Wright, G. P., instituted Edmore Chapter, Edmore, with thirty members. Mrs. Maggie Geiger, W. M.; W. J. Wilson, W. P.; Mrs. Abbie Morgan, A. M. He had the assistance of Mrs. Esterbrook, of Crescent Chapter, Stanton, for a Con.

Feb. 27 the G. P. instituted Lisbon Chapter, Lisbon, with forty-six charter members. Mrs. Mattie A. Kennedy, W. M.; I. W. Gibbs, W. P.; Mrs. C. A. Gibbs, A. M. On this occasion the officers of Harmony Chapter, Sparta, were his assistants. Bro. Wright feels proud that the officers of subordinate chapters come so promptly to his help.

The Grand Patron issued his proxy to a P. M. to institute a chapter at Adrian on the evening of March 6. Her report not having been sent in at this writing I can only give you the news as I find it reported in the Detroit Free Press. Mrs. Ira Waterman, W. M.; E. W. Smith, W. P.; Mrs. Seymour Howell, A. M.

On the evening of March 7, Bro. Wright in company with the A. G. M., Mrs. Lida Pratt of Jackson, visited Springport, and instituted Springport Chapter with a membership of twenty-seven. Mrs. S. J. Hammond, W. M.; A. D. Bridenstein, W. P.; Hannah Colestock, A. M. On his return home he found a petition with one hundred and three names attached, which means a chapter at Saginaw.

P. H. T.

#### MINNESOTA.

At the meeting of Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, Mar. 19, Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson was made the recipient of a beautiful silver berry dish and spoon, upon which her name was handsomely engraved. Mrs. Johnson is a member of Minneapolis Chapter, but is almost as constant in attendance at the meetings of the sister chapter as at her own, and has on many occasions aided in the work of the chapter, and by the exercise of her talents in other directions. The sisters and brothers of Lorraine Chapter showed their appreciation of these services by the beautiful gift bestowed upon her and every heart responded to the well chosen words of Sister Jennie L. Flynn in her presentation address. Sister Johnson's response showed her complete surprise and grateful pleasure at this kindly indication of regard, which is scarcely less a pleasure to the members of Minneapolis Chapter, by whom she is held in the highest esteem. At this meeting Lorraine Chapter initiated four candidates in a manner highly creditable to the new corps of officers. Many members of Arcana Chapter were present, and the other chapters of the city were well represented. I. M. W.

Mrs. Mary Brearley, W. M. of Minneapolis Chapter, was present at the last session of the G. C. of Wisconsin held in Milwaukee.

Adah Chapter, Brownton is doing very nicely—at the last meeting one candidate received the degrees and four petitions were received.

The new officers of Zenith Chapter, Duluth, are becoming very efficient in their work if "practice makes perfect" as they have had initiations every meeting since they were installed.

Mrs. S. W. Hugo, one of the ladies whom the Scottish Rite Masons of Duluth "have delighted to honor" by taking into the Order by the rite of adoption, is a P. M. of Zenith Chapter.

March 2 Minnehaha Chapter initiated 7 candidates, all the officers being present and doing their work in the most creditable manner. About 40 guests were present from other chapters, Arcana sending a delegation of 30 members.

Jessamine Chapter, Taylor's Falls, reports one candidate initiated at the regular meeting Feb. 5 and at a special held Feb. 12, two others initiated, one candidate elected, who has not yet received the degrees, and several petitions on the way.

At a reception given by Midway Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to the members and their friends, Rev. George H. Bridgeman, D. D., President of Hamline University, and a member of the craft, favored the audience with a paper relative to the Order.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, has decided to have musical and literary numbers introduced at the alternate meetings from the one devoted to work. Sister Louise Runge, W. M., is winning the esteem and love of the membership by her careful attention to her duties and her efficient efforts on behalf of her chapter.

Sister M. A. Roberts, a former resident of, Minneapolis, but now of East St. Louis, Ill., recently visited Robert Morris Chapter of that place, where she "was cordially welcomed and made to feel at home almost immediately. This is one of the good effects of being a member of the Order—a certainty of meeting friends when away from home.

Valley Chapter, organized Feb. 8 at Chaska at the first regular meeting initiated four candidates. It speaks well for the new officers and demonstrates that this chapter is alive to the importance of the work when "Adah"—Mrs. Melvin—was able at this time to give her entire part without the ritual. Work well done in the chapter as well as elsewhere never fails to bring good results.

At the last regular meeting of Minneapolis Chapter, Bro. J. M. Williams read an original paper entitled "Ruth the Moabitess" which was listened to by all present with rapt attention. Five candidates received the degrees at the last meeting for work. March 26, a large number of candidates will be initiated, the chapter at Taylor's Falls, being the invited guest, to witness the work at that time.

Recently the chapters at Breckenridge, Fergus Falls, Sauk Center, Cloquet, Duluth

and West Duluth, have been visited by Mary C. Taylor, G. M. St. Cloud has also been welcoming our G. M., who has enthused by her presence and knowledge, new life in the hitherto quiet "Granite Chapter" and re-organization has been the result. She also organized a chapter at Appleton, named Lathrop, in honor of A. C. Lathrop the first Mason in the place.

Sabbath evening, March 11, Rev. J. B. Hingeley, delivered the fourth lecture in the Eastern Star course, the topic being "The Guiding Star, Martha, the Ministering Angel, or Woman at Home." The members of the Order in Minneapolis have been given rare opportunities for listening to beautiful thoughts expressed in eloquent language upon those Heroines "whose sublime virtues should adorn our lives." The last of the series, "The Star of Mercy, Electa, the King's Daughter, or Woman in acts of Charity" will be given March 18.

Galilee Chapter, Buffalo, organized Feb. 24, 1893, has increased in membership from 25 to 35, and will probably soon be still further increased. This is a very good results when the following hindrances are taken into account. In the first place when the chapter was just beginning to feel fairly well started the Hall in which the meetings were held was destroyed by fire, which interrupted the meetings for a time, however after a little, another hall was provided, more convenient and comfortable than the first and all were again feeling settled and ambitious for advancement when this Hall also was burned and with it the charter. These accidents interfered with the meetings and with the progress of the chapter, but they are again comfortably settled and desirous of winning for Galilee a creditable position among the sisterhood of Chapters.

Tuesday afternoon and evening, March 6, Excelsior Chapter celebrated the sixth anniversary of its organization. Neatly printed invitations had been received by several O. E. S. ladies in Minneapolis from Excelsior Chapter bidding them to be present at an "Informal reception Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of Beer's Hotel, from 2 until 4." At the appointed time the Minneapolis ladies were received in the tastefully decorated parlors, and welcomed by nearly sixty Excelsior ladies. Light refreshments were served. In the evening a literary and musical program was given in the lodge room. Bro. W. B. Mason, P. P. of the chapter, reviewed the history of the Order and of the Excelsior branch in particular. Among the especially attractive features was a duet sung by little Misses Mabel and Nina Seamans, and a selection from "Hiawatha," recited by Vera Mason, the nine-year-old daughter of P. G. A. M., Lillie Mason. In response to a hearty encore the little lady gave a selection of her own choosing, which choice would have been creditable to the discretions of a much older person. LOUISE LYON JOHNSON.



## MASSACHUSETTS.

At the regular meeting of Athena Chapter, Orange, March 14, eighty-five members were present. Ten applications for membership were received and nine candidates were elected. Some time was then taken in discussing the entertainment of the Grand Chapter, which is to be held in Orange this year, by invitation. The meeting comes May 16 and Athena Chapter hopes the 38 chapters throughout the State will be well represented. She would also be glad to see visitors from other States. Athena Chapter having disposed of all her business found the hour too late for initiation, hence a special meeting was appointed for that purpose. This chapter holds only one regular meeting a month—the 4th Wednesday of each month being given up to a sociable. A clothes-pin party was held Feb. 28. The room was filled with members and visitors. In addition to the clothes-pin games there was a half-hour's literary entertainment, card-playing and dancing, and each one was presented with an appropriate souvenir. An enjoyable time was had. The next social, March 28, will be the wooden anniversary of the chapter. The committee who have it in charge are preparing an interesting program.

Feb. 20 I accompanied the G. P. on his official visit to East Douglas. This place is a little difficult to reach by cars, and Miriam Chapter is small, but having once visited it you are sure to go again. The husband of the W. M. met me at the station with his team and carried me to his home where I was very pleasantly entertained by Sister Root during my stay in East Douglas. On arriving at the hall we at once realized the hearty feeling and cordial hospitality of this chapter. Although this was the first initiation by the new officers yet the work was very pleasingly rendered, the W. M. presiding with perfect ease and dignity. Light refreshments were served and all enjoyed the social hour. The next morning about 10 o'clock Sister and Bro. Hamlet of Miriam Chapter, a niece and myself started for Whitinsville. The sleighing was excellent, and the drive of eight miles all too quickly made. In Whitinsville I was delightfully entertained at the home of Sister and Brother Graham. In the evening, assisted by Sister Goddard as Mar., Bro. Lash as Patron and Sister Prest as Chap., I installed the officers of Dekamus Chapter. Before the installation we were conducted to the dining room where a fine supper was hastily partaken of by all. Quite a number of visitors were present from Miriam Chapter. This is my second visit to this chapter this year and I should enjoy going again.

H. E. E.

At the regular meeting of Golden Chapter, Westfield, Mar. 2, two petitions were received and five candidates initiated. Every officer was present and the work was beautifully rendered. Although this was the first initia-

tion since the officers were installed, not a ritual was in sight, and there was not a break from the beginning to the end. A light lunch was served after the close of the meeting, and the new members were given the opportunity of knowing us as a united family of sisters and brothers to which they now belong and are heartily welcome. Five petitioners were elected at the meeting March 16. It was voted to give an entertainment to the children of the chapter members sometime in the near future. This is a matter which interests not only the fathers and mothers, but also the "sisters, cousins and aunts." Everybody will work to make the occasion a merry one for the little ones. Mar. 12 this chapter was entertained at the home of our A. M., Mrs. Nellie Conner. Supper was served and an evening of social enjoyment "lightened the burden of active duty." The "Tuesday afternoon Sewing Circle" meets every week and much is being accomplished in the way of sewing. Many useful and ornamental articles have already materialized in the deft fingers of the skillful ones among us. And as the shining needles fly we listen to the reading of Richard Harding Davis' book "Pietro Ghisleri." I think that any one who has read this book will resist all temptation to indulge in scandal. It should help us to remember our obligation never to "speak evil of a sister or a brother," and more than that it should teach us not to believe evil reports without proofs. P.

The winter entertainments of Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, have been various and successful. The Colonial supper at the special meeting in February with its substantial supplies of ye olden time, served by our young maidens in the costumes of long ago, and illuminated by the dim religious light of the tallow dips was very unique and delightful and largely attended by the brothers and sisters—gathered in honor of the candidates to be initiated during the evening. Sister Anna Marshall, W. M., has appointed different committees for each regular monthly meeting who will provide some entertainment, both literary and social, so that the members may anticipate some unknown pleasure, and also become better acquainted with each other. The evenings are very successful, both in attendance and enjoyment. Mizpah held an Anniversary Sociable in Masonic Temple, March 19. Invitations were extended to Masons, their families and

friends. Over 300 persons were present. Entertainment consisted of music and readings by Miss Clara Peabody of Boston, who delighted her audience by her perfectly rendered selections. A dainty collation followed. Dancing, whist and sociality filled the hours and closed the evening. Much of the success of the sociable is due to the W. M., who is constantly planning for the welfare of the chapter. Our organization has now a membership of 275. It is entering upon its fifth year and never at a meeting has a ritual been allowed to be in the hands of an officer, and only in the room when tied in a package upon the Secretary's table at the annual inspection. The officers consider it more of a disgrace to read their parts than to fail to remember them, but there has been but very little forgetting, for rehearsals are frequent in our chapter. B.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, initiated two candidates in a very pleasing manner, March 1st. In the afternoon the sisters met and organized a circle for charitable work. Mrs. M. A. E. Draper was elected president; Mrs. Mary Pritchard, Vice-President; Mrs. Clara W. Palmer, Sec.; Mrs. Mary A. Remick, Treas.

Two candidates were initiated in Vesta Chapter, Charleston, March 2, the work being well rendered by the new corps of officers. Miss Jennie E. Marsten was installed Con., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Frances M. Williams, and Mrs. Eva L. Parsons as Electa—Helen A. Atkins, P. M., performing the ceremony assisted by Annie R. Scolly, P. M.; as Mar.

The second game in the Cobweb contest was played at the rooms of Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, March 12. This was an intricate web, and no one made the time made at Signet, but in this game Highland Chapter came off victorious. A banquet was served.

Crystal Chapter, Malden, gave a basket party, after the business of the evening, Mar. 22, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

One petition was received and one candidate elected by Electa Chapter, Waltham,

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Mar. 21. Preparations are still actively going on for the celebration of the eighth anniversary of the Chapter.

After a short business meeting, Mar. 9, Melrose Chapter, Melrose, gave a dancing party at their apartments which was greatly enjoyed and netted a neat sum for their treasury.

Two petitions were received and one candidate was initiated by Mystic Chapter, East Boston, Mar. 5. After the meeting all were entertained with a banquet by the entertainment committee for the month. March 19, the same committee gave a grand concert, followed by dancing, for the small sum of 25 cents.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, received two petitions, and one sister was admitted by affiliation, Mar. 7. The next game in the Cobweb contest will be played at Highland's Chapter-rooms, April 4. As Highland has already won one game their prospect looks bright for the prize at present.

Four candidates were elected and two initiated by Signet Chapter, Cambridge, March 8. It was voted to hold two meetings monthly, hereafter, and the day of meeting was changed to the first and third Tuesdays.

Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, has started out with bright prospects. Although a severe storm was raging outside, March 15, one entirely forgot it in the warm and hearty greeting indoors. Six petitions were received and fourteen applicants were elected, and two candidates initiated. Refreshments were served.

Electa Chapter, Waltham, is making great preparations for the celebration of its anniversary, May 2. This has long been a day set apart for the entertainment of the children, who eagerly look forward from year to year for the recurrence of the happy event, when, as one little one expressed himself, "he really was a Mason."

Although the past month has been bright with social gatherings, for Keystone Chapter, Boston, it has not been "all play and no work." Two petitions were received and a large amount of routine business transacted. The members now enjoy a picture of "Eastern Star Corner" at the "White City." The first one sent never reaching them, Sister Pitkin kindly duplicated it. The 7th anniversary of the chapter was celebrated with a "Bon Bon Party" Feb. 27, which proved a success, as Keystone's parties always do. The bright caps, etc., proved as dressy to some as they were ludicrous on others, but all enjoyed themselves regardless of personal appearances. No more pleasing evening has been spent than Feb. 23, when a few of their friends in the Chapter surprised Bro. E. G. T. and Sister May Bell Rawson, as they were spending a quiet evening at home, and presented them with an elegant silver ice-pitcher and salver suitably engraved, in testimony of the regard and esteem in which they are held by the chapter. Although

taken completely by surprise, the host and hostess were equal to the occasion and made their guests feel a genuine and hearty welcome.

Six candidates were initiated by Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Feb. 9, in view of forming a chapter in Stoneham. Among the visitors present were Adams F. Brown, G. P., Wm. A. Blossom, A. G. P., Frank E. Shaw and John P. Loring, P. G. Ps. Ella G. Sprague, W. M., surprised the members and visitors with a lunch at the close of the meeting. Although the weather was severely cold, Vesta's basket picnic Feb. 16 was declared a success. Little Agnes Hasnett gave a very pleasing recitation; Mr. Chute, mandolin solos; Mr. Henderson impersonations; then came the clothes pin contest, from which Helen A. Atkins, Sec., carried off the first prize, a china fruit plate, and Bro. Hall, from Ruth Chapter, the second, an after-dinner coffee cup and saucer. Then came the auctioning of the baskets, and soon several men, who had apparently joined the Mormons, were seen, followed by their families, with stately and martial tread wending their way to the banquet room, where the contents of the tempting baskets were displayed and sampled.

Frank E. Shaw, P. G. P., has been very busy of late arranging for a Cobweb contest in which Signet, Ruth, and Highland Chapters are the contestants. Four games are to be played, the best in four to win the prize—a gold mounted rosewood baton, properly inscribed, valued at \$10, to be retained by the

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